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THE BOOK OF JOB.

- 1 ¹ THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed
2 evil. And there were born unto him seven
3 sons and three daughters. His ¹substance also ¹ Or, *cattle*
was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest
4 of all the children of the east. And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with
5 them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and ²renounced
God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.
6 Now there was a day when the sons of
God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ³Satan came also among them. ³ Heb. *the Adversary.*
7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and
8 from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in

the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil. Then 9 Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an 10 hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his 11 substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that 12 he hath is in thy ²power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And it fell on a day when his sons and his 13 daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, that there came 14 a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding, beside them: and ³the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and 15 took them away; yea, they have slain the ⁴servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While 16 he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the ⁴servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet 17 speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and ⁵fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came 18 also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: and, behold, there 19 came a great wind from the wilderness, and

¹ Or, *cattle*

² Heb. *hand*.

³ Heb. *Sheba*.

⁴ Heb. *young men*.

⁵ Or, *made a raid*

smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I
20 only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and
21 worshipped; and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God with foolishness.

2 1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking
3 up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against
4 him, ¹to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for
5 his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said
6 unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; only spare his life. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself
9 withal; and he sat among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? renounce God, and die.

¹ Heb. to swallow him up.

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of 10
the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we
receive good at the hand of God, and shall we
not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin
with his lips.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all 11
this evil that was come upon him, they came
every one from his own place; Eliphaz the
Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar
the Naamathite: and they made an appoint-
ment together to come to bemoan him and to
comfort him. And when they lifted up their 12
eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted
up their voice, and wept; and they rent every
one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their
heads toward heaven. So they sat down with 13
him upon the ground seven days and seven
nights, and none spake a word unto him: for
they saw that his grief was very great.

After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed 1 · 3
his day. And Job answered and said, 2
Let the day perish wherein I was born, 3
And the night which said, There is a man child
conceived.

Let that day be darkness; 4

¹ Or, *inquire*
after

Let not God ¹regard it from above,

Neither let the light shine upon it.

Let darkness and the ²shadow of death claim it 5
for their own;

Let a cloud dwell upon it;

Let all that maketh black the day terrify it.

As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon 6
it:

Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;

Let it not come into the number of the months.

Lo, let that night be barren; 7

Let no joyful voice come therein.

Let them curse it that curse the day, 8

Who are ¹ready to rouse up Leviathan.

¹ Or, *skilful*

- 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark :
Let it look for light, but have none ;
Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning :

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's*
womb,

Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

- 11 Why died I not from the womb ?

Why did I not give up the ghost when I came
out of the belly ?

- 12 Why did the knees receive me ?

Or why the breasts, that I should suck ?

- 13 For now should I have lien down and been
quiet ;

I should have slept, then had I been at rest :

- 14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Which ²built up waste places for themselves ;

² Or, *built
solitary piles*

- 15 Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver :

- 16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been ;
As infants which never saw light.

- 17 There the wicked cease from ³troubling ;
And there the weary be at rest.

³ Or, *raging*

- 18 There the prisoners are at ease together ;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

- 19 The small and great are there ;
And the servant is free from his master.

- 20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in
misery,

And life unto the bitter in soul ;

- 21 Which ⁴long for death, but it cometh not ;
And dig for it more than for hid treasures ;

⁴ Heb. *wait,*

- 22 Which rejoice ⁵exceedingly,
And are glad, when they can find the grave ?

⁵ Or, *unto
exultation*

- 23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid,
And whom God hath hedged in ?

- 24 For my sighing cometh ⁶before I eat,
And my roarings are poured out like water.

⁶ Or, *like my
meat*

¹ Or, *the thing which I feared came &c.* For ¹the thing which I fear cometh upon me, 25
 And that which I am afraid of cometh unto me.
² Or, *I was not at ease &c. yet trouble came* ²I am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither 26
 have I rest;
 But trouble cometh.

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and 1 4
 said,

If one assay to commune with thee, wilt thou 2
 be grieved?

But who can withhold himself from speaking?
 Behold, thou hast instructed many, 3
 And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

Thy words have upholden him that was falling, 4
 And thou hast confirmed the ³feeble knees.

³ Heb. *bowing*.

⁴ Or, *art grieved*

But now it is come unto thee, and thou ⁴faintest; 5
 It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

Is not thy fear thy confidence? 6

And thy hope the integrity of thy ways?

Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, 7
 being innocent?

Or where were the upright cut off?

Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, 8
 And sow trouble, reap the same.

By the breath of God they perish, 9

And by the blast of his anger are they consumed.

The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the 10
 fierce lion,

And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, 11

And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

⁵ Heb. *brought by stealth*.

Now a thing was ⁵secretly brought to me, 12
 And mine ear received a whisper thereof.

In thoughts from the visions of the night, 13

When deep sleep falleth on men,
 Fear came upon me, and trembling, 14

Which made all my bones to shake.

- 15 Then ¹a breath passed over my face ;
The hair of my flesh stood up.

¹ Or, a spirit
passed before

- 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof ;

A form was before mine eyes :

² *There was* silence and I heard a voice, saying,

² Or, *And I*
heard a still
voice

- 17 Shall mortal man ³be more just than God ?

Shall a man ⁴be more pure than his Maker ?

³ Or, *be just*
before God

- 18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants ;

And his angels he chargeth with folly :

⁴ Or, *be pure*
before his
Maker

- 19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,

Whose foundation is in the dust,

Which are crushed ⁵before the moth !

⁵ Or, *like*

- 20 ⁶Betwixt morning and evening they are ⁷destroyed :

⁶ Or, *From*
morning to
evening

They perish ⁸for ever without any regarding it.

- 21 ⁹Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them ?

⁷ Heb. *broken*
in pieces.

They die, and that without wisdom.

⁸ Or,
continually

- 5 1 Call now ; is there any that will answer thee ?

And to which of the ¹⁰holy ones wilt thou turn ?

⁹ Or, *Is not*
their excellency
which is in
them removed ?

- 2 For vexation killeth the foolish man,

And ¹¹jealousy slayeth the silly one.

¹⁰ ch. xv. 15.

- 3 I have seen the foolish taking root :
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.

¹¹ Or,
indignation

- 4 His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in the gate,
Neither is there any to deliver them.

- 5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns,
And ¹²the snare gapeth for their substance.

¹² According to
many ancient
versions, *the*
thirsty swallow
up.

- 6 For ¹³affliction cometh not forth of the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground ;

- 7 But man is born unto trouble,
As ¹⁴the sparks fly upward.

¹³ Or, *iniquity*
See ch. iv. 8.

- 8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause :

¹⁴ Heb. *the sons*
of flame, or of
lightning.

Which doeth great things and unsearchable ; 9
 Marvellous things without number :
 Who giveth rain upon the earth, 10
 And sendeth waters upon the fields :
 To set up on high those that be low ; 11
 And those which mourn are exalted to safety.
 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, 12
 So that their hands ¹cannot perform their enter-
 prise.
 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness : 13
 And the counsel of the froward is carried head-
 long.
 They meet with darkness in the daytime, 14
 And grope at noonday as in the night.
 But he saveth the needy from the sword ²of 15
 their mouth,
 And from the hand of the mighty.
 So the poor hath hope, 16
 And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
 Behold, happy is the man whom God ³correcteth : 17
 Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the
 Almighty :
 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up ; 18
 He woundeth, and his hands make whole.
 He shall deliver thee in six troubles ; 19
 Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
 In famine he shall redeem thee from death ; 20
 And in war from the power of the sword.
 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue ; 21
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when
 it cometh.
 At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh ; 22
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the
 earth.
 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of 23
 the field ;
 And the beasts of the field shall be at peace
 with thee.

¹ Or, can per-
form nothing
of worth

² Heb. out of
their mouth.

³ Or,
reproveth

- 24 And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace ;
 And thou shalt visit thy ¹fold, and ²shalt miss
 nothing. ¹ Or, *habitation*
 25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be
 great, ² Or, *shalt not err*
 And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
 26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
 Like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.
 27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is ;
 Hear it, and know thou it ³for thy good. ³ Heb. *for thyself.*

- 6 1 Then Job answered and said,
 2 Oh that my vexation were but weighed,
 And my calamity laid in the balances together !
 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of
 the seas :
 Therefore have my words been rash.
 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
 The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up :
 The terrors of God do set themselves in array
 against me.
 5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass ?
 Or loweth the ox over his fodder ?
 6 Can that which hath no savour be eaten without
 salt ?
 Or is there any taste in ⁴the white of an egg ? ⁴ Or, *the juice of purstain*
 7 ⁵My soul refuseth to touch *them* ;
 They are as loathsome meat to me. ⁵ Or, *What things my soul refused to touch, these are as my loathsome meat*
 8 Oh that I might have my request ;
 And that God would grant me the thing that I
 long for !
 9 Even that it would please God to crush me ;
 That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off !
 10 Then should I yet have comfort ;
 Yea, I would ⁶exult in pain ⁷that spareth not :
⁸For I have not ⁹denied the words of the Holy
 One. ⁶ Or, *harden myself*
 11 What is my strength, that I should wait ? ⁷ Or, *though he spare not*
⁸ Or, *That*
⁹ Or, *concealed*

And what is mine end, that I should be patient ?
Is my strength the strength of stones ? 12

Or is my flesh of brass ?

Is it not that I have no help in me ? 13

¹ Or, resource
Or, sound
wisdom

And that ¹effectual working is driven quite from
me ?

To him that is ready to faint kindness *should be* 14
shewed from his friend ;

² Or, Else he
might forsake

²Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Al-
mighty.

My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, 15

As the channel of brooks that pass away ;

Which are black by reason of the ice, 16

And wherein the snow hideth itself :

³ Or, shrink

What time they ³wax warm, they vanish : 17

When it is hot, they are consumed out of their
place.

⁴ Or, The
paths of their
way are turned
aside

⁴The caravans *that travel* by the way of them 18*
turn aside ;

They go up into the waste, and perish.

The caravans of Tema looked, 19

The companies of Sheba waited for them.

They were ashamed because they had hoped ; 20

They came thither, and were confounded.

⁵ Another
reading is are
like thereto.

For now ye ⁵are nothing ; 21

Ye see a terror, and are afraid.

Did I say, Give unto me ? 22

Or, Offer a present for me of your substance ?

Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand ? 23

Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors ?

Teach me, and I will hold my peace : 24

And cause me to understand wherein I have
erred.

How forcible are words of uprightness ! 25

But what doth your arguing reprove ?

Do ye imagine to reprove words ? 26

⁶ Or, for
the wind

Seeing that the speeches of one that is desperate
are ⁶as wind.

- 27 Yea, ye would cast *lots* upon the fatherless,
 And make merchandise of your friend.
 28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me ;
¹For surely I shall not lie to your face.
 29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice ;
 Yea, return again, ²my cause is righteous.
 30 Is there injustice on my tongue ?
 Cannot my taste discern mischievous things ?
 7 ¹ Is there not a ³warfare to man upon earth ?
 And are not his days like the days of an hireling ?
 2 As a servant that earnestly desireth the shadow,
 And as an hireling that looketh for his wages :
 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity,
 And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
 4 When I lie down, I say,
⁴When shall I arise ? but the night is long ;
 And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the
 dawning of the day.
 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust ;
 My skin closeth up and breaketh out afresh.
 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
 And are spent without hope.
 7 Oh remember that my life is wind :
 Mine eye shall no more see good.
 8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me
 no more :
 Thine eyes shall be upon me, but I shall not be.
 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away :
 So he that goeth down to ⁵Sheol shall come up ⁵Or, the grave
 no more.
 10 He shall return no more to his house,
 Neither shall his place know him any more.
 11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth ;
 I will speak in the anguish of my spirit ;
 I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
 12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
 That thou settest a watch over me ?
 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,

¹ Or, *And it will be evident unto you if I lie*

² Heb. *my righteousness is in it.*

³ Or, *time of service*

⁴ Or, *When shall I arise, and the night be gone ?*

⁵ Or, *the grave*

My couch shall ease my complaint ;
 Then thou scarest me with dreams, 14
 And terrifiest me through visions :
 So that my soul chooseth strangling, 15
 And death rather than *these* my bones.

¹ Or, *I waste
away*

¹ I loathe *my life* ; I ² would not live alway : 16
 Let me alone ; for my days are vanity.

² Or, *shall*

What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him ? 17
 And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him ?
 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, 18
 And try him every moment ?

How long wilt thou not look away from me, 19
 Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle ?
 If I have sinned, what do I unto thee, O thou 20
 watcher of men ?

Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
 So that I am a burden to myself ?
 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, 21
 and take away mine iniquity ?
 For now shall I lie down in the dust ;
 And thou shalt seek me diligently, but I shall
 not be.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 1 8
 How long wilt thou speak these things ? 2
 And *how long* shall the words of thy mouth be
 like a mighty wind ?

Doth God pervert judgement ? 3

Or doth the Almighty pervert justice ?

If thy children have sinned against him, 4

And he have delivered them into the hand of
 their transgression :

If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God, 5

And make thy supplication to the Almighty ;

If thou wert pure and upright ; 6

Surely now he would awake for thee,

And make the habitation of thy righteousness
 prosperous.

- 7 Though thy beginning was small,
 Yet thy latter end should greatly increase.
 8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age,
 And apply thyself to that which their fathers
 have searched out :
 9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
 Because our days upon earth are a shadow :)
 10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
 And utter words out of their heart ?
 11 Can the ¹rush grow up without mire ?
 Can the ²flag grow without water ?
 12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, *and* not cut
 down,
 It withereth before any other herb.
 13 So are the paths of all that forget God ;
 And the hope of the godless man shall perish :
 14 Whose confidence shall ³break in sunder,
 And whose trust is a spider's ⁴web.
 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not
 stand :
 He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
 16 He is green before the sun,
 And his shoots go forth over his garden.
 17 His roots are wrapped ⁵about the heap,
 He beholdeth the place of stones.
 18 If he be destroyed from his place,
 Then it shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen
 thee.
 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way,
 And out of the earth shall others spring.
 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,
 Neither will he uphold the evil doers.
 21 ⁶He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter,
 And thy lips with shouting.
 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame ;
 And the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

¹ Or, *papyrus*² Or,
*reed-grass*³ Or, *be cut off*⁴ Heb. *house*.⁵ Or, *beside
the spring*⁶ Or, *Till
he fill*

9 1 Then Job answered and said,

Of a truth I know that it is so : 2
¹ But how can man be just ² with God ?
² Or, *before* If he be pleased to contend with him, 3
 He cannot answer him one of a thousand.
He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength : 4
 Who hath hardened himself against him, and
 prospered ?
 Which removeth the mountains, and they know 5
 it not,
 When he overturneth them in his anger.
 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, 6
 And the pillars thereof tremble.
 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not ; 7
 And sealeth up the stars.
 Which alone stretcheth out the heavens, 8
 And treadeth upon the ³ waves of the sea.
³ Heb. *high places.* Which maketh the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, 9
 And the chambers of the south.
 Which doeth great things past finding out ; 10
 Yea, marvellous things without number.
 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not : 11
 He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
 Behold, he taketh the prey, who can hinder 12
 him ?
 Who will say unto him, What doest thou ?
 God will not withdraw his anger ; 13
⁴ Or, *Arrogancy See* The helpers of ⁴ Rahab do stoop under ⁵ him.
 Is. xxx. 7. How much less shall I answer him, 14
⁵ Or, *it* And choose out my words *to reason* with him ?
 For though I were righteous, yet would I not 15
 answer ;
⁶ Or, *my judge* I would make supplication to ⁶ mine adversary.
 If I had called, and he had answered me ; 16
 Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto
 my voice.
 For he breaketh me with a tempest, 17
 And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
 He will not suffer me to take my breath, 18

But filleth me with bitterness.

- 19 ¹If *we speak* of the strength of the mighty, ²lo *he is there!*

But if of judgement, who will appoint me a time?

- 20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me:

Though I be perfect, ³it shall prove me perverse.

- 21 ⁴I am ⁵perfect; I regard not myself;
I despise my life.

- 22 It is all one; therefore I say,
He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

- 23 If the scourge slay suddenly,
He will mock at the ⁶trial of the innocent.

- 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked:
He covereth the faces of the judges thereof;
If *it be* not *he*, who then is it?

- 25 Now my days are swifter than a post:
They flee away, they see no good.

- 26 They are passed away as the ⁷swift ships:
As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.

- 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my *sad* countenance, and ⁸be of good
cheer:

- 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

- 29 I shall be condemned;
Why then do I labour in vain?

- 30 If I wash myself ⁹with snow water,
And ¹⁰make my hands never so clean;

- 31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch,
And mine own clothes shall abhor me.

- 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer
him,

That we should come together in judgement.

- 33 There is no ¹¹daysman betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.

- 34 Let him take his rod away from me,
And let not his terror make me afraid:

Let
¹ Or, *If we speak of strength, lo, he is mighty*

² Or, *Lo, here am I, saith he; and if of judgement, Who &c.?*

³ Or, *he*

⁴ Or, *Though I be perfect, I will not &c.*

⁵ See ch. i. 1.

⁶ Or, *calamity*

⁷ Heb. *ships of reed.*

⁸ Heb. *brighten up.*

⁹ Another reading is *with snow.*

¹⁰ Heb. *cleansed my hands with lye.*

¹¹ Or, *umpire*

Then would I speak, and not fear him ; 35
For I am not so in myself.

My soul is weary of my life ; 1 10

I will give free course to my complaint ;

I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

I will say unto God, Do not condemn me ; 2

Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, 3

¹ Heb. labour. That thou shouldest despise the ¹work of thine hands,

And shine upon the counsel of the wicked ?

Hast thou eyes of flesh ? 4

Or seest thou as man seeth ?

Are thy days as the days of man ? 5

Or thy years as man's days,

That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, 6

And searchest after my sin ?

Although thou knowest that I am not wicked ; 7

And there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

Thine hands have framed me and fashioned 8
me

Together round about ; yet thou dost destroy
me.

Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast 9
fashioned me as clay ;

And wilt thou bring me into dust again ?

Hast thou not poured me out as milk, 10

And curdled me like cheese ?

Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, 11

And knit me together with bones and sinews.

Thou hast granted me life and favour, 12

And thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

And these things thou didst hide in thine heart ; 13

I know that this *was* with thee

If I sin, then thou markest me, 14

And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

If I be wicked, woe unto me ; 15

And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up
my head ;

¹ Being filled with ignominy
And looking upon mine affliction.

16 And if *my head* exalt itself, thou huntest me as
a lion :

And again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon
me.

17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me ;

² Changes and warfare are with me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out
of the womb ?

I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me.

19 I should have been as though I had not been ;
I should have been carried from the womb to
the grave.

20 Are not my days few ? ³cease then,
And let me alone, that I may ⁴take comfort a
little,

21 Before I go whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow
of death ;

22 A land of thick darkness, as darkness *itself* ;
A land of the shadow of death, without any
order,

And where the light is as darkness.

11 ¹ Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and
said,

² Should not the multitude of words be answered ?
And should a man full of talk be justified ?

³ Should thy boastings make men hold their peace ?
And when thou mockest, shall no man make
thee ashamed ?

⁴ For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in thine eyes.

⁵ But oh that God would speak,

¹ Or, *I am
filled with
ignominy, but
look thou &c.
for it increas-
eth: thou &c.*

² Or, *Host after
host is against
me*

³ Another
reading is *let
him cease, and
leave me alone.*

⁴ Heb.
brighten up.

And open his lips against thee ;
And that he would shew thee the secrets of 6
wisdom,

¹ Or, *For sound wisdom is manifold* ¹ That it is manifold in ² effectual working !
Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less
than thine iniquity deserveth.

² Or, *resource* ² Canst thou by searching find out God ? 7
³ Or, *Canst thou find out the deep things of God ?* Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfec-
tion ?

⁴ Heb. *The heights of heaven.* ⁴ It is high as heaven ; what canst thou do ? 8
Deeper than ⁵ Sheol ; what canst thou know ?

⁵ Or, *the grave* The measure thereof is longer than the earth, 9
And broader than the sea.
If he pass through, and shut up, 10
And ⁶ call unto judgement, then who can hinder
him ?

For he knoweth vain men : 11
He seeth iniquity also, ⁷ even though he consider
it not.

⁸ Or, *Then shall an empty man get understanding, and he that is a wild ass's colt may be born a man* ⁸ But an empty man will get understanding, 12
When a wild ass's colt is born a man.

If thou set thine heart aright, 13
And stretch out thine hands toward him ;
If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, 14
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.
Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot ; 15
Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear :
For thou shalt forget thy misery ; 16

Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed
away :
And *thy* life shall ⁹ be clearer than the noonday ; 17
Though there be darkness, it shall be as the
morning.

And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope ; 18
Yea, thou shalt search *about thee*, and shalt take
thy rest in safety.

Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make 19
thee afraid ;

Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
 And ¹they shall have no way to flee,
 And their hope shall be the giving up of the ¹Heb. *refuge*
 ghost. ^{is perished}
^{from them.}

- 12 ¹ Then Job answered and said,
² No doubt but ye are the people,
 And wisdom shall die with you.
³ But I have understanding as well as you ;
 I am not inferior to you :
 Yea, who knoweth not such things as these ?
⁴ I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his
 neighbour,
A man that hath called upon God, and he an-
 swered him :
 The just, the upright man is a laughing-stock.
⁵ ²In the thought of him that is at ease there is
 contempt for misfortune ;
 It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.
⁶ The tents of robbers prosper,
 And they that provoke God are secure ;
³Into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.
⁷ But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach
 thee ;
 And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee :
⁸ Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee :
 And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
⁹ Who knoweth not in all these,
 That the hand of the LORD hath wrought this ?
¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
 And the ⁴breath of all mankind.
¹¹ Doth not the ear try words,
 Even as the palate tasteth its meat ?
¹² ⁵With aged men is wisdom,
 And in length of days understanding.
¹³ With him is wisdom and might ;
 He hath counsel and understanding.

² Or, *He is as a torch despised in the thought of him that is at ease; as one that is ready to slip with his feet*

³ Or, *That bring their God in their hand*

⁴ Or, *spirit*

⁵ Or, *With aged men, ye say, is wisdom*

Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built 14
again ;

He shutteth up a man, and there can be no
opening.

Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry 15
up ;

Again he sendeth them out, and they overturn
the earth.

¹ Or, *resource*,
or, *sound*
wisdom With him is strength and ¹effectual working ; 16

The deceived and the deceiver are his.

² Or, *stripped*
lame He leadeth counsellors away ²spoiled, 17

And judges maketh he fools. 18

He looseth the bond of kings,

And girdeth their loins with a girdle. 18

He leadeth priests away ²spoiled, 19

And overthroweth the mighty. 19

He removeth away the speech of the trusty, 20

And taketh away the understanding of the

elders.

He poureth contempt upon princes, 21

And looseth the belt of the strong.

He discovereth deep things out of darkness, 22

And bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them : 23

³ Or, *leadeth*
them He spreadeth the nations abroad, and ³bringeth
them in. 23

He taketh away the heart of the chiefs of the 24

⁴ Or, *land* people of the ⁴earth,

And causeth them to wander in a wilderness

where there is no way.

They grope in the dark without light, 25

⁵ Heb. *wander*. And he maketh them to ⁵stagger like a drunken
man.

Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, 1 13

Mine ear hath heard and understood it.

What ye know, *the same* do I know also : 2.

I am not inferior unto you.

Surely I would speak to the Almighty, 3

- And I desire to reason with God.
 4 But ye are forgers of lies,
 Ye are all physicians of no value.
 5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!
 And it should be your wisdom.
 6 Hear now my reasoning,
 And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
 7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God?
 And talk deceitfully for him?
 8 Will ye ¹respect his person?
 Will ye contend for God?
 9 Is it good that he should search you out?
 Or as one ²deceiveth a man, will ye ³deceive him?
 10 He will surely reprove you,
 If ye do secretly ⁴respect persons.
 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid?
 And his dread fall upon you?
 12 Your memorable sayings ⁵are proverbs of ashes,
 Your defences ⁶are defences of clay.
 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak,
 And let come on me what will.
 14 ⁷Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth,
 And put my life in mine hand?
 15 ⁸Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him.
 Nevertheless I will ⁹maintain my ways before
 him.
 16 ¹⁰He also shall be my salvation;
¹¹For a godless man shall not come before him.
 17 Hear diligently my speech,
 And let my declaration be in your ears.
 18 Behold now, I have ¹²ordered my cause;
 I know that I ¹³am righteous.
 19 Who is he that will contend with me?
 For now ¹⁴would I hold my peace and give up
 the ghost.
 20 Only do not two things unto me,
 Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me;

¹ Or, shew him
favour

² Or, mocketh

³ Or, mock

⁴ Or, shew
favour

⁵ Or, shall be

⁶ Or, At all
adventures I
will take &c.

⁷ Or, Behold,
he will slay me;
I wait for him
Or, according
to another
reading, I will
not wait

⁸ Heb. argue.

⁹ Or, This

¹⁰ Or, That

¹¹ Or, shall
be justified

¹² Or, I shall
hold my peace

And let not thy terror make me afraid.
 Then call thou, and I will answer ; 22
 Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
 How many are mine iniquities and sins? 23
 Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24
 And holdest me for thine enemy ?
 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf? 25
 And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble ?
 For thou writest bitter things against me, 26
 And makest me to inherit the iniquities of my
 youth :
 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and 27
 markest all my paths ;
 Thou drawest thee a line about the soles of my feet :
 Though *I am one who*, like a rotten thing, con- 28
 sumeth,
 Like a garment that is moth-eaten.
 Man that is born of a woman 1, 14
 Is of few days, and full of trouble.
 He cometh forth like a flower, and ¹is cut down : 2
 He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, 3
 And bringest me into judgement with thee ?
²Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean ? 4
 not one.
 Seeing his days are determined, the number of 5
 his months is with thee,
 And thou hast appointed his bounds that he
 cannot pass ;
 Look away from him, that he may ³rest, 6
 Till he shall ⁴accomplish, as an hireling, his day.
 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, 7
 that it will sprout again,
 And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, 8
 And the stock thereof die in the ground ;
 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, 9

¹ Or,
withereth

² Or, *Oh that
a clean thing
could come out
of an unclean !
not one can*

³ Heb. *cease*.

⁴ Or, *have
pleasure in*

- And bring forth boughs like a plant.
 10 But man dieth, and wasteth away :
 Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he ?
 11 ¹As the waters ²fail from the sea,
 And the river decayeth and drieth up ;
 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not :
 Till the heavens be no more, they shall not
 awake,
 Nor be roused out of their sleep.
 13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in ³Sheol,
 That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy
 wrath be past,
 That thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and
 remember me !
 14 If a man die, shall he live *again* ?
 All the days of my warfare ⁴would I wait,
 Till my ⁵release come.
 15 ⁶Thou shouldest call, and I would answer thee :
 Thou wouldest have a desire to the work of
 thine hands.
 16 But now thou numberest my steps :
 Dost thou not watch over my sin ?
 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
 And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.
 18 And surely the mountain falling ⁷cometh to
 nought,
 And the rock is removed out of its place ;
 19 The waters wear the stones ;
 The overflowings thereof wash away the dust
 of the earth :
 And thou destroyest the hope of man.
 20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he
 passeth ;
 Thou changest his countenance, and sendest
 him away.
 21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not ;
 And they are brought low, but he perceiveth
 it not of them.

¹ Is. xix. 5.² Heb. *are gone*.³ Or, *the grave*⁴ Or, *will*⁵ Or, *change*⁶ Or, *Thou shalt call and I will &c.*⁷ Heb. *fadeth away*.

¹ Or, *Only*

¹ But his flesh upon him hath pain,
And his soul within him mourneth.

22

Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and **15**
said,

² Heb.
*knowledge
of wind.*

Should a wise man make answer with ² vain ²
knowledge,

And fill his belly with the east wind ?

Should he reason with unprofitable talk ?

3

Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good ?

Yea, thou doest away with fear,

4

And ³ restrainest ⁴ devotion before God.

³ Heb.
diminisheth.

For ⁵ thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth,

5

And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

⁴ Or,
meditation

Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I ; ⁶

⁵ Or, *thy
mouth teacheth
thine iniquity*

Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

Art thou the first man that was born ?

7

Or wast thou brought forth before the hills ?

⁶ Or, *Dost thou
hearken in the
council*

⁶ Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God ?

8

And dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself ?

What knowest thou, that we know not ?

9

What understandest thou, which is not in us ?

With us are both the grayheaded and the very ¹⁰
aged men,

Much elder than thy father.

Are the consolations of God too small for thee, ¹¹

⁷ Or, *Or is there
any secret
thing with
thee ?*

⁷ And ⁸ a word *that dealeth* gently with thee ?

12

Why doth thine heart carry thee away ?

And why do thine eyes wink ?

That thou turnest thy spirit against God,

13

And lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth.

What is man, that he should be clean ?

14

And he which is born of a woman, that he
should be righteous ?

Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones ; ¹⁵

Yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

⁸ Or, *that
which is*

How much less one ⁸ that is abominable and cor- ¹⁶
rupt,

- A man that drinketh iniquity like water !
 17 I will shew thee, hear me ;
 And that which I have seen I will declare :
 18 (Which wise men have told
 From their fathers, and have not hid it ;
 19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
 And no stranger passed among them :)
 20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days,
¹Even the number of years that are laid up for ¹Or, *And years that are numbered are laid up &c.*
 the oppressor.
 21 ²A dreadful sound is in his ears :
 In prosperity the spoiler shall come upon him.
 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of ²Heb. *A sound of fears.*
 darkness,
 And he is waited for of the sword.
 23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where
 is it ?
 He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready
 at his hand.
 24 Distress and anguish make him afraid ;
 They prevail against him, as a king ready to the
 battle :
 25 Because he hath stretched out his hand against
 God,
 And ³behaveth himself proudly against the Al- ³Or, *biddeth defiance to*
 mighty ;
 26 He runneth upon him with a *stiff* neck,
⁴With the thick bosses of his bucklers: ⁴Or, *Upon*
 27 Because he hath covered his face with his fat-
 ness,
 And made collops of fat on his flanks ;
 28 And he hath dwelt in ⁵desolate cities, ⁵Heb. *cut off.*
 In houses which no man inhabited,
 Which were ready to become heaps.
 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance
 continue,
 Neither shall ⁶their produce bend to the earth. ⁶Or, *their possessions be extended on the earth*
 30 He shall not depart out of darkness ;

The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of his mouth shall he go
away.

Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself: 31
For vanity shall be his recompence.

¹ Or, *paid in full*

It shall be ¹accomplished before his time, 32
And his branch shall not be green.

He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, 33
And shall cast off his flower as the olive.

For the company of the godless shall be barren, 34
And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity, 35
And their belly prepareth deceit.

Then Job answered and said, 1 16
I have heard many such things: 2

² Or,
Troublesome

²Miserable comforters are ye all.

Shall vain words have an end? 3

Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest? 4

I also could speak as ye do;

If your soul were in my soul's stead,

I could join words together against you,

And shake mine head at you.

But I would strengthen you with my mouth, 5

And the solace of my lips should assuage *your*
grief.

Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: 6

³ Heb. *what departeth from me?*

And though I forbear, ³what am I eased?

But now he hath made me weary: 7

Thou hast made desolate all my company.

⁴ Or, *shrivelled me up*

And thou hast ⁴laid fast hold on me, *which* is a 8
witness *against me:*

And my leanness riseth up against me, it testifieth
to my face.

⁵ Or, *hated*

He hath torn me in his wrath and ⁵persecuted 9
me;

He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:

Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

- 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth ;
 They have smitten me upon the cheek reproach-
 fully :
 They gather themselves together against me.
 11 God delivereth me to the ungodly,
 And casteth me into the hands of the wicked.
 12 I was at ease, and he brake me asunder ;
 Yea, he hath taken me by **my** neck, and dashed
 me to pieces :
 He hath also set me up for his mark.
 13 His ¹archers compass me round about,
 He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not
 spare ;
 He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach ;
 He runneth upon me like a ²giant.
 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
 And have ³laid my horn in the dust.
 16 My face is ⁴foul with weeping,
 And on my eyelids is the shadow of death ;
 17 Although there is no violence in mine hands,
 And my prayer is pure.
 18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
 And let my cry ⁵have no *resting*-place.
 19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,
 And he that voucheth for me is on high.
 20 My friends scorn me :
 But mine eye poureth out tears unto God ;
 21 ⁶That he would maintain the right of a man
 with God,
 And of a son of man with his neighbour !
 22 For when a few years are come,
 I shall go the way whence I shall not return.
 17 1 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
 The grave is *ready* for me.
 2 Surely there are mockers with me,
 And mine eye abideth in their provocation.
 3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with thyself ;

¹ Or, *arrows*
Or, *mighty*
ones

² Or, *mighty*
man

³ Or, *defiled*

⁴ Or, *red*

⁵ Or, *have no*
more place

⁶ Or, *That one*
might plead for
a man with
God, as a man
pleadeth for
his neighbour

Who is there that will strike hands with me?
For thou hast hid their heart from understand- 4
ing :

Therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

¹ Heb. *portion*. He that denounceth his friends for a ¹prey, 5
Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

He hath made me also a byword of the people ; 6

² Or, *one in whose face they spit* And I am become ²an open abhorring. 7
Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow,

And all my members are as a shadow. 8
Upright men shall be astonied at this, 8
And the innocent shall stir up himself against
the godless.

Yet shall the righteous hold on his way, 9
And he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger
and stronger.

But return ye, all of you, and come now : 10

³ Or, *For I find not* ³And I shall not find a wise man among you. 11
My days are past, my purposes are broken off,

⁴ Heb. *possessions*. Even the ⁴thoughts of my heart. 11
They change the night into day :

The light, *say they*, is near unto the darkness. 12

⁵ Or, *If I hope, Sheol is mine house,* ⁵If I look for ⁶Sheol as mine house ; 13
If I have spread my couch in the darkness ;

I have said &c., I have said &c., and where now is my hope? If I have said to ⁷corruption, Thou art my 14
father ;

To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my
sister ;

⁶ Or, *the grave* Where then is my hope ? 15
⁷ Or, *the pit*

And as for my hope, who shall see it ? 16

It shall go down to the bars of ⁶Sheol, 16

When once there is rest in the dust.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 1 18

How long will ye lay snares for words? 2

Consider, and afterwards we will speak. 3

Wherefore are we counted as beasts, 3

And are become unclean in your sight ?

- 4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger,
 Shall the earth be forsaken for thee ?
 Or shall the rock be removed out of its place ?
 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,
 And the ¹spark of his fire shall not shine.
 6 The light shall be dark in his tent,
 And his lamp ²above him shall be put out.
 7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened,
 And his own counsel shall cast him down.
 8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
 And he walketh upon the toils.
 9 A gin shall take *him* by the heel,
 And a snare shall lay hold on him.
 10 A noose is hid for him in the ground,
 And a trap for him in the way.
 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,
 And shall chase him at his heels.
 12 His strength shall be hungerbitten,
 And calamity shall be ready ³for his halting.
 13 It shall devour the ⁴members of his body,
 Even the firstborn of death shall devour his
 members.
 14 He shall be rooted out of his tent wherein he
 trusteth ;
 And ⁵he shall be brought to the king of terrors.
 15 ⁶There shall dwell in his tent that which is none
 of his :
 Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
 And above shall his branch ⁷be cut off.
 17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth,
 And he shall have no name in the street.
 18 He shall be driven from light into darkness,
 And chased out of the world.
 19 He shall neither have son nor son's son among
 his people,
 Nor any remaining where he sojourned.
 20 They that come after shall be astonished at his day,

¹ Or, flame² Or, shall be
put out with
him³ Or, at his
side⁴ Heb. bars of
his skin.⁵ Heb. thou
shalt (or it
shall) bring
him.⁶ Or, It shall
dwell in his
tent, that it be
no more his
or, because it
is none of his⁷ Or, wither

¹ Heb. *laid
hold on horror.*

As they that went before ¹were affrighted.
Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, ² 1
And this is the place of him that knoweth not
God.

Then Job answered and said, 1 19
How long will ye vex my soul, 2
And break me in pieces with words?
These ten times have ye reproached me: 3
Ye are not ashamed that ye deal hardly with
me.

And be it indeed that I have erred, 4
Mine error remaineth with myself.
If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, 5
And plead against me my reproach :
Know now that God hath ²subverted me *in my* 6
cause,

² Or, *over-
thrown me*

And hath compassed me with his net.
³ Or, *violence* Behold, I cry out of ³wrong, but I am not heard : 7
I cry aloud, but there is no judgement.
He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, 8
And hath set darkness in my paths.
He hath stripped me of my glory, 9
And taken the crown from my head.
He hath broken me down on every side, and 10

I am gone :
And mine hope hath he plucked up like a tree.
He hath also kindled his wrath against me, 11
And he counteth me unto him as one of his
adversaries.

His troops come on together, and cast up their 12
way against me,

And encamp round about my tent.
He hath put my brethren far from me, 13
And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged
from me.

My kinsfolk have failed, 14
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.

- 15 They that ¹dwell in mine house, and my maids, ¹ Or, *sojourn*
 count me for a stranger :
 I am an alien in their sight.
 16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no
 answer,
Though I intreat him with my mouth.
 17 My breath is strange to my wife,
 And ²my supplication to the children ³of my ² Or, *I make*
supplication
Or, I am offen-
sive
mother's womb. ³ Or, *of my*
body
 18 Even young children despise me ;
 If I arise, they speak against me.
 19 All ⁴my inward friends abhor me :
 And they whom I loved are turned against me. ⁴ Heb, *the*
men of my
council.
 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
 And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
 21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye
 my friends ;
 For the hand of God hath touched me.
 22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
 And are not satisfied with my flesh ?
 23 Oh that my words were now written !
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book !
 24 That with an iron pen and lead
 They were graven in the rock for ever !
 25 ⁵But I know that my ⁶redeemer liveth,
 And that he shall stand up at the last upon the ⁵ Or, *For*
⁷earth : ⁶ Or, *vindicator*
 26 ⁸And after my skin hath been thus destroyed,
 Yet ⁹from my flesh shall I see God : ⁷ Heb. *dust.*
 27 Whom I shall see ¹⁰for myself,
 And mine eyes shall behold, and not ¹¹another : ⁸ Or, *And*
after my skin
hath been
destroyed, this
shall be, even
from &c. Or,
And though
after my skin
this body be
destroyed,
yet from &c.
 28 If ye say, How we will persecute him ! ⁹ Or, *without*
¹²Seeing that the root of the matter is found in ¹⁰ Or, *on my*
¹³me ; ¹¹ Heb. *side*
¹²Or, *And that*
¹³Many an-
 29 Be ye afraid of the sword : ¹⁴Or, *wrathful*
 For ¹⁴wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword,
 That ye may know there is ¹⁵a judgement. ¹⁵ Or, *one that*
judgeth

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and 1 20
said,

Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me, 2

¹ Or, And by
reason of this
my haste is
within me

¹ Even by reason of the haste that is in me.

I have heard the reproof which putteth me to 3
shame,

² Or, But out
of my under-
standing my
spirit answer-
eth me

² And the spirit of my understanding answereth
me.

Knowest thou *not* this of old time, 4

Since man was placed upon earth,

That the triumphing of the wicked is short, 5

And the joy of the godless but for a moment ?

Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, 6

And his head reach unto the clouds ;

Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung : 7

They which have seen him shall say, Where is
he ?

He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be 8
found :

Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the
night.

The eye which saw him shall see him no more ; 9

Neither shall his place any more behold him.

³ Or, The
poor shall
oppress his
children

³ His children shall seek the favour of the poor, 10

And his hands shall give back his wealth.

His bones are full of his youth, 11

But it shall lie down with him in the dust.

Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, 12

Though he hide it under his tongue ;

Though he spare it, and will not let it go, 13

But keep it still within his mouth ;

Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, 14

It is the gall of asps within him.

He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall 15
vomit them up again :

God shall cast them out of his belly.

He shall suck the poison of asps : 16

- The viper's tongue shall slay him.
- 17 He shall not look upon the rivers,
The flowing streams of honey and butter.
- 18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and
shall not swallow it down,
Even according to the substance that he hath
gotten, *and* he shall not rejoice.
- 19 For he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor ;
He hath violently taken away an house, ¹ which
he builded not.
- 20 Because he knew no quietness ² within him,
He shall not save aught of that wherein he de-
lighteth.
- 21 There was nothing left that he devoured not ;
Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.
- 22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in
straits :
The hand of every one that is in misery shall
come upon him.
- 23 ³ When he is about to fill his belly,
God shall cast the fierceness of his wrath upon
him,
And shall rain it upon him ⁴ while he is eating.
- 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,
And the bow of brass shall strike him through.
- 25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his
body :
Yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall ;
Terrors are upon him.
- 26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures :
A fire not blown shall devour him ;
⁵ It shall consume that which is left in his tent.
- 27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity ;
And the earth shall rise up against him.
- 28 The increase of his house shall depart,
His goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.
- 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,
And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

¹ Or, and he
shall not build
it up

² Or, in his
greediness
Heb. in his
belly.

³ Or, Let it be
for the filling
of his belly that
God shall
cast &c.

⁴ Or, as his
food

⁵ Or, It shall
go ill with him
that is left

- Then Job answered and said, 1 21
 Hear diligently my speech; 2
 And let this be your consolations.
 Suffer me, and I also will speak; 3
 And after that I have spoken, mock on.
¹ Or, *of* As for me, is my complaint ¹to man? 4
 And why should I not be impatient?
² Heb. *Look unto me.* ²Mark me, and be astonished, 5
 And lay your hand upon your mouth.
 Even when I remember I am troubled, 6
 And horror taketh hold on my flesh.
 Wherefore do the wicked live, 7
 Become old, yea, wax mighty in power?
 Their seed is established with them in their sight, 8
 And their offspring before their eyes.
³ Or, *in peace,* Their houses are ³safe from fear, 9
without fear Neither is the rod of God upon them.
 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; 10
 Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
 They send forth their little ones like a flock, 11
 And their children dance.
⁴ Heb. *lift up* They ⁴sing to the timbrel and harp, 12
the voice. And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
 They spend their days in prosperity, 13
⁵ Or, *the grave* And in a moment they go down to ⁵Sheol.
 Yet they said unto God, Depart from us; 14
 For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.
 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? 15
 And what profit should we have, if we pray unto
 him?
⁶ Or, *How oft* Lo, their prosperity is not in their hand: 16
is the lamp of The counsel of the wicked is far from me.
the wicked put ⁶How oft is it that the lamp of the wicked is put 17
out, and how out?
oft cometh their That their calamity cometh upon them?
calamity upon That *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger?
them! God That they are as stubble before the wind, 18
distributeth
sorrows in his
anger. They
are as stubble...
away.

And as chaff that the storm carrieth away ?

- 19 ¹ *Ye say*, God layeth up his iniquity for his children.
Let him recompense it unto himself, that he
may know it.

¹ Or, *God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink &c.*

- 20 Let his own eyes see his destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after
him,

When the number of his months is cut off in the
midst ?

- 22 Shall any teach God knowledge ?
Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

- 23 One dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and quiet :

- 24 His ²breasts are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moistened.

² Or,
milk pails

- 25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul,
And never tasteth of good.

- 26 They lie down alike in the dust,
And the worm covereth them.

- 27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the devices which ye wrongfully imagine
against me.

- 28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince ?
And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwelt ?

- 29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way ?
And do ye not know their tokens ?

- 30 That the evil man is ³reserved to the day of
calamity ?

³ Or, *spared in &c.*

That they are ⁴led forth to the day of wrath ?

⁴ Or, *led away in &c.*

- 31 Who shall declare his way to his face ?
And who shall repay him what he hath done ?

- 32 ⁵Yet shall he be borne to the grave,
And shall keep watch over the tomb.

⁵ Or, *Moreover he is borne to the grave, and they keep watch over his tomb. The clods of the valley are sweet unto him, and all men draw &c.*

- 33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him,
And all men shall draw after him,
As there were innumerable before him.

- 34 How then comfort ye me in vain,

¹ Or,
faithlessness

Seeing in your answers there remaineth only
¹falsehood?

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and **22**
said,

Can a man be profitable unto God? ²

Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.

Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art ³
righteous?

Or is it gain *to him*, that thou makest thy ways
perfect?

² Or, for fear
of thee

Is it ²for thy fear *of him* that he reproveth thee, ⁴
That he entereth with thee into judgement?

Is not thy wickedness great? ⁵

Neither is any end to thine iniquities.

For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for ⁶
nought,

And stripped the naked of their clothing:

Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, ⁷

And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

³ Heb. *the*
man of arm.

But as for ³the mighty man, he had the earth; ⁸

⁴ Heb. *he*
whose person
is accepted.

And ⁴the honourable man, he dwelt in it.

Thou hast sent widows away empty, ⁹

And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

Therefore snares are round about thee, ¹⁰

And sudden fear troubleth thee;

Or darkness, that thou canst not see; ¹¹

⁵ Or, *the flood*
of waters that
covereth thee

And ⁵abundance of waters cover thee.

Is not God in the height of heaven? ¹²

⁶ Heb. *head.*

And behold the ⁶height of the stars, how high
they are!

And thou sayest, What doth God know? ¹³

Can he judge through the thick darkness?

Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth ¹⁴
not;

⁷ Or, *on the*
vault

And he walketh ⁷in the circuit of heaven.

⁸ Or, *Dost*
thou mark &c.?

⁸Wilt thou keep the old way ¹⁵
Which wicked men have trodden?

- 16 Who were snatched away before their time,
 Whose foundation was poured out as a stream :
 17 Who said unto God, Depart from us :
 And what can the Almighty do ¹for ²us ?
 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things :
 But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
 19 The righteous see it, and are glad ;
 And the innocent laugh them to scorn :
 20 *Saying*, Surely they that did rise up against us are
 cut off,
 And ³the remnant of them the fire hath con-
 sumed.
 21 Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace :
⁴Thereby good shall come unto thee.
 22 Receive, I pray thee, ⁵the law from his mouth,
 And lay up his words in thine heart.
 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be
 built up ;
⁶If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy
 tents.
 24 And lay thou *thy* ⁷treasure ⁸in the dust,
 And *the gold of Ophir* among the stones of the
 brooks ;
 25 And the Almighty shall be thy ⁷treasure,
 And ⁹precious silver unto thee.
 26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in the Al-
 mighty,
 And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he
 shall hear thee,
 And thou shalt pay thy vows.
 28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be
 established unto thee ;
 And light shall shine upon thy ways.
 29 When they ¹⁰cast *thee* down, thou shalt say, *There*
is lifting up ;
 And ¹¹the humble person he shall save.
 30 He shall deliver ¹²even him that is not innocent :

¹ Or, *to*² Heb. *them*.³ Or, *that which remain-
ed to them*⁴ Or, as other-
wise read,
*Thereby shall
thine increase
be good.*⁵ Or,
*instruction*⁶ Or, *Thou
shalt put
away...and
shalt lay up*⁷ Heb. *ore*.⁸ Or, *on the
earth*⁹ Or, *precious
silver shall be
thine*¹⁰ Or, *are
made low*¹¹ Heb. *him
that is lowly
of eyes.*¹² Many
ancient ver-
sions read,
*him that is
innocent.*

Yea, he shall be delivered through the cleanness
of thine hands.

Then Job answered and said, 1 **23**

¹ Or, *bitter*
Or, accounted
rebellion Even to-day is my complaint ¹rebellious : 2

² Or, *My hand*
is heavy upon ²My stroke is heavier than my groaning. 3

The LXX.
and Syr. read Oh that I knew where I might find him, 3

His hand. That I might come even to his seat ! 4

I would order my cause before him,

And fill my mouth with arguments. 5

I would know the words which he would answer 5

me,

And understand what he would say unto me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of 6

his power ?

Nay ; but he would give heed unto me.

There the upright might reason with him ; 7

So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there* ; 8

And backward, but I cannot perceive him : 8

On the left hand, when he doth work, but I can- 9

not behold him :

³ Or, *turneth*
himself to He ³hideth himself on the right hand, that I can- 10

not see him.

⁴ Heb. *the*
way that is
with me. For he knoweth ⁴the way that I take : 10

When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as

gold. 11

My foot hath held fast to his steps ; 11

His way have I kept, and turned not aside.

I have not gone back from the commandment 12

of his lips ;

⁵ Or, *more*
than my own
law I have treasured up the words of his mouth ⁵more 12

than my ⁶necessary food.

The LXX. and
Vulgate have But ⁷he is in one *mind*, and who can turn him ? 13

in my bosom. And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

⁶ See Prov.
xxx. 8. For he performeth that which is appointed for 14

me :

⁷ Or, *he is one* And many such things are with him.

- 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence;
 When I consider, I am afraid of him :
 16 For God hath made my heart faint,
 And the Almighty hath troubled me.
 17 ¹ Because I was not cut off before the darkness,
 Neither did he cover the thick darkness from
 my face.
- 24 ¹ Why is it, seeing times are not hidden from the
 Almighty,
 That they which know him see not his days ?
 2 There are that remove the landmarks ;
 They violently take away flocks, and feed them.
 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless,
 They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
 4 They turn the needy out of the way :
 The ³ poor of the earth hide themselves **together**.
 5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert
 They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for
⁴ meat ;
 The wilderness *yieldeth* them food for their
 children.
 6 They cut their provender in the field :
 And they glean the vintage of the wicked.
 7 They lie all night naked without clothing,
 And have no covering in the cold.
 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
 And cling to the rock for want of a shelter.
 9 There are that pluck the fatherless from the
 breast,
 And ⁵ take a pledge of the poor :
 10 *So that* they go about naked without clothing,
 And being **an-hungered** they carry the sheaves ;
 11 They make oil within the walls of these men ;
 They tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst.
 12 From out of the populous city men groan,
 And the soul of the wounded crieth out :
 Yet God imputeth it not for folly.
 13 These are of them that rebel against the light ;

¹ Or, *For I am not dismayed because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covereth my face*

² Or, *Why are times not laid up by the Almighty, and why do not they which know him see his days ?*

³ Or, *muck*

⁴ Heb. *prey*.

⁵ Or, *take in pledge that which is on the poor*

They know not the ways thereof,
 Nor abide in the paths thereof.
 The murderer riseth with the light, he killeth ¹⁴
 the poor and needy;
 And in the night he is as a thief.
 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the ¹⁵
 twilight,

Saying, No eye shall see me :

And he ¹disguiseth his face.

In the dark they dig through houses : ¹⁶

² They shut themselves up in the daytime ;

They know not the light.

For the morning is to all of them as the shadow ¹⁷
 of death ;

³ For they know the terrors of the shadow of
 death.

He is swift upon the face of the waters ; ¹⁸

Their portion is cursed in the earth :

He turneth not by the way of the vineyards.

Drought and heat ⁴consume the snow waters : ¹⁹

So doth ⁵*Sheol those which have sinned.*

The womb shall forget him ; the worm shall feed ²⁰
 sweetly on him ;

He shall be no more remembered :

And unrighteousness shall be broken ⁶as a tree.

He devoureth the barren that beareth not ; ²¹

And doeth not good to the widow.

⁷ He draweth away the mighty also by his power ; ²²

He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

God giveth them to be in security, and they rest ²³
 thereon ;

⁸ And his eyes are upon their ways.

They are exalted ; yet a little while, and they ²⁴
 are gone ;

⁹ Yea, they are brought low ; they are ¹⁰taken out
 of the way as all other,

And are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar, ²⁵

¹ Or, *putteth a covering on his face*

² Or, Which *they had marked for themselves*

³ Or, *If one know them, it is as the terrors &c. : (or, when they discern it &c.)*

⁴ Heb. *violent-ly take away.*

⁵ Or, *the grave*

⁶ Or, *as a tree ; even he that devoureth &c.*

⁷ Or, *Yet God by his power maketh the mighty to continue : they rise up, when they believed not that they should live*

⁸ Or, *But*

⁹ Or, *And when they are &c.*

¹⁰ Or, *gathered in : or, shut up*

And make my speech nothing worth ?

- 25 ¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
² Dominion and fear are with him,
 He maketh peace in his high places.
³ Is there any number of his armies ?
 And upon whom doth not his light arise ?
⁴ How then can man be just ¹with God ? ¹ Or, *before*
 Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman ?
⁵ Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,
 And the stars are not pure in his sight.
⁶ How much less man, that is a worm !
 And the son of man, which is a worm !

- 26 ¹ Then Job answered and said,
² How hast thou helped him that is without power !
 How hast thou saved the arm that hath no
 strength !
³ How hast thou counselled *him* that hath no
 wisdom,
 And hast plentifully declared sound knowledge !
⁴ To whom hast thou uttered words ?
 And whose ²spirit came forth from thee ? ² Heb. *breath*.
⁵ ³They that are deceased tremble ³Or, *The shades*
Heb. *Rephaim*.
 Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.
⁶ ⁴Sheol is naked before him, ⁴ Or, *The grave*
 And ⁵Abaddon hath no covering. ⁵ Or,
destruction
⁷ He stretcheth out the north over empty space,
 And hangeth the earth upon nothing.
⁸ He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds ;
 And the cloud is not rent under them.
⁹ He closeth in the face of his throne,
 And spreadeth his cloud upon it.
¹⁰ He hath described a boundary upon the face of
 the waters,
 Unto the confines of light and darkness.
¹¹ The pillars of heaven tremble
 And are astonished at his rebuke.

¹ Or, *stilleth* He ¹stirreth up the sea with his power, 12
And by his understanding he smiteth through

² See ch. ix. 13. ² Rahab.

³ Heb. *beauty*. By his spirit the heavens are ³garnished; 13

⁴ Or, *fleeing* His hand hath pierced the ⁴swift serpent. 14
Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways :

⁵ Or, *how little a portion* And ⁵how small a whisper ⁶is heard of him?

⁶ Or, *do we hear* But the thunder of his ⁷power who can understand ?

⁷ Or, *mighty deeds*

And Job again took up his parable, and said, 1 27

As God liveth, who hath taken away my right ; 2

⁸ Heb. *made my soul bitter*. And the Almighty, who hath ⁸vexed my soul ;

⁹ Or, *For my life is yet whole in me* ⁹All the while my breath is in me, 3

Surely my lips ¹⁰shall not speak unrighteousness, 4

¹⁰ Or, *do* Neither ¹¹shall my tongue utter deceit.

¹¹ Or, *doth* Be it far from me that I should justify you : 5

Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it 6
go :

¹² Or, *doth not reproach me for any of my days* My heart ¹²shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

Let mine enemy be as the wicked, 7

And let him that riseth up against me be as the unrighteous.

¹³ Or, *when God cutteth him off, when he taketh &c.* For what is the hope of the godless, ¹³though he 8
get him gain,

When God taketh away his soul ?

Will God hear his cry, 9

When trouble cometh upon him ?

Will he delight himself in the Almighty, 10

And call upon God at all times ?

I will teach you concerning the hand of God ; 11

That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it ; 12

Why then do ye deal altogether vainly ?

- 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
 And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty.
 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword;
 And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death,
 And his widows shall make no lamentation.
 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust,
 And prepare raiment as the clay;
 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,
 And the innocent shall divide the silver.
 18 He buildeth his house as the ¹moth,
 And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
 19 He lieth down rich, but he ²shall not be gathered;
 He openeth his eyes, and he is not.
 20 Terrors overtake him like waters;
 A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
 And it sweepeth him out of his place.
 22 For *God* shall hurl at him, and not spare:
 He would fain flee out of his hand.
 23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
 And shall hiss him out of his place.
- 28 ¹ Surely there is a mine for silver,
 And a place for gold which they refine.
 2 Iron is taken out of the ⁴earth,
 And brass is molten out of the stone.
 3 *Man* setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out to the furthest bound
 The stones of thick darkness and of the shadow of death.
 4 ⁵ He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn;
 They are forgotten of the foot *that passeth by*;
 They hang afar from men, they ⁶swing to and fro.
 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread:

¹ Some ancient versions have, *spider*.

² Some ancient versions have, *shall do so no more*.

³ Or, *For*

⁴ Or, *dust*

⁵ Or, *The flood breaketh out from where men sojourn; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are minished, they are gone away from man*

⁶ Or, *flit*

- And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
- ¹ Or, *A place the stones whereof are sapphires, and which &c.* ¹ The stones thereof are the place of sapphires, 6
And ~~that~~ hath dust of gold.
- That path no bird of prey knoweth, 7
And the falcon's eye hath not seen it :
- ² Heb. *sons of pride.* The ² proud beasts have not trodden it, 8
Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.
- He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock ; 9
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.
- He cutteth out channels among the rocks ; 10
And his eye seeth every precious thing.
- ³ Heb. *from weeping.* He bindeth the streams ³ that they trickle not ; 11
And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.
- But where shall wisdom be found ? 12
And where is the place of understanding ?
- Man knoweth not the price thereof ; 13
Neither is it found in the land of the living.
- The deep saith, It is not in me : 14
And the sea saith, It is not with me.
- ⁴ Or, *treasure* It cannot be gotten for ⁴ gold, 15
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
- It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, 16
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- Gold and glass cannot equal it : 17
Neither shall the exchange thereof be ⁵ jewels of fine gold.
- ⁵ Or, *vessels* No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal : 18
⁶ Or, *red coral* For the price of wisdom is above ⁶ rubies.
⁶ Or, *pearls* The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, 19
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- Whence then cometh wisdom ? 20
And where is the place of understanding ?
- Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, 21
And kept close from the fowls of the air.
- ⁷ Heb. *Abaddon.* ⁷ Destruction and death say, 22
We have heard a rumour thereof with our ears.

- 23 God understandeth the way thereof,
 And he knoweth the place thereof.
 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth,
 And seeth under the whole heaven ;
 25 ¹To make a weight for the wind ;
 Yea he meteth out the waters by measure.
 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
 And a way for the lightning of the thunder :
 27 Then did he see it, and declare it ;
 He established it, yea, and searched it out.
 28 And unto man he said,
 Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ;
 And to depart from evil is understanding.

¹ Or, *When
he maketh*

- 29 ¹ And Job again took up his parable, and said,
 2 Oh that I were as in the months of old,
 As in the days when God watched over me ;
 3 When his lamp shined ²upon my head,
 And by his light I walked through darkness ;
 4 As I was in ³the ripeness of my days,
 When the ⁴secret of God was upon my tent ;
 5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
 When my ⁵children were about me ;
 6 When my steps were washed with butter,
 And the rock poured me out rivers of oil !
 7 When I went forth to the gate unto the city,
 When I prepared my seat in the ⁶street,
 8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
 And the aged rose up and stood ;
 9 The princes refrained talking,
 And laid their hand on their mouth ;
 10 The voice of the nobles was ⁷hushed,
 And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their
 mouth.
 11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me ;
 And when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto
 me :
 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried,

² Or, *over*

³ Heb. *my
days of
autumn.*

⁴ Or, *counsel
Or, friendship*

⁵ Heb.
young men.

⁶ Heb.
broad place.

⁷ Heb. *hid.*

The fatherless also, that had none to help him.
The blessing of him that was ready to perish 13
came upon me :

And I caused the widow's heart to sing for
joy.

¹ Or, *clothed* I put on righteousness, and it ¹ clothed me : 14
itself with me

My justice was as a robe and a diadem.

I was eyes to the blind, 15

And feet was I to the lame.

I was a father to the needy : 16

² Or, *the cause* And ² the cause of him that I knew not I search-
which I knew ed out.

³ Heb. *great* And I brake the ³ jaws of the wicked, 17
teeth.

And plucked the prey out of his teeth.

⁴ Or, *beside* Then I said, I shall die ⁴ in my nest, 18
Heb. with.

And I shall multiply my days as ⁵ the sand :

⁵ Or, My root is ⁶ spread out ⁷ to the waters, 19
the phoenix

⁶ Heb. *opened.* And the dew lieth all night upon my branch :

⁷ Or, *by* My glory is fresh in me, 20

And my bow is renewed in my hand.

Unto me men gave ear, and waited, 21

And kept silence for my counsel.

After my words they spake not again ; 22

And my speech dropped upon them.

And they waited for me as for the rain ; 23

And they opened their mouth wide *as* for the
latter rain.

⁸ Or, *I smiled* ⁸ If I laughed on them, they ⁹ believed *it* not ; 24
on them when

they had no And the light of my countenance they cast not
confidence down.

⁹ Or, *were not* I chose out their way, and sat chief, 25
confident

And dwelt as a king in the army,

As one that comforteth the mourners.

But now they that are younger than I have me 30
in derision,

Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs
of my flock.

2 Yea, the strength of their hands, whereto should it profit me?

Men in whom ¹ripe age is perished.

¹ Or, vigour

3 They are gaunt with want and famine;

²They gnaw the dry ground, ³in the gloom of wasteness and desolation.

² Or, *They flee into the wilderness, into &c.*

4 They pluck salt-wort by the bushes;

And the roots of the broom are ⁴their meat.

³ Or, which yesternight was

5 They are driven forth from the midst of men;

They cry after them as after a thief.

Or, on the eve of

6 ⁵In the clefts of the valleys must they dwell,

In holes of the earth and of the rocks.

⁴ Or, to warm them

7 Among the bushes they bray;

Under the nettles they ⁶are gathered together.

⁵ Or, In the most gloomy valleys

8 *They* are children of fools, yea, children of ⁷base men;

⁶ Or, stretch themselves

They ⁸were scourged out of the land.

⁷ Heb. men of no name.

9 And now I am become their song,

Yea, I am a byword unto them.

⁸ Or, are outcasts from the land

10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me,

And spare not to spit ⁹in my face.

⁹ Or, at the sight of me

11 For ¹⁰he hath loosed ¹¹his cord, and afflicted me,

And they have cast off the bridle before me.

¹⁰ Or, they have loosed their rein

12 Upon my right hand rise the ¹²rabble;

They thrust aside my feet,

¹¹ According to another reading, my cord.

And they cast up against me their ways of destruction.

¹² Or, brood

13 They mar my path,

They set forward my calamity,

Even men that have no helper.

14 ¹³As through a wide breach they come:

In the midst of the ruin they roll themselves upon me.

¹³ Or, As a wide breaking in of waters

15 Terrors are turned upon me,

¹⁴They chase ¹⁵mine honour as the wind;

And my welfare is passed away as a cloud.

¹⁴ Or, Thou charest

16 And now my soul is poured out ¹⁶within me;

Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

¹⁵ Or, my nobility

¹⁶ Heb. upon.

¹ Or, *corroded* In the night season my bones are ¹pierced ²in 17
² Heb. me,
from off.

And ³the *pains* that gnaw me take no rest.
³ Or, *my* By the great force of *my disease* is my garment 18
sinews take
&c. disfigured :

It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
 He hath cast me into the mire, 19

And I am become like dust and ashes.
 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me : 20

I stand up, and thou lookest at me.
 Thou art turned to be cruel to me : 21

With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.
 Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou causest me 22

to ride *upon it* ;
 And thou dissolvest me in the storm.

For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, 23
 And to ⁴the house appointed for all living.

⁴ Or, *the house*
of meeting for
&c. ⁵ Surely against a ruinous heap he will not put 24
⁵ Or, *Howbeit*
doth not one
stretch out the
hand in his
fall? Or in his
calamity there-
fore cry for
help? forth his hand ;

Though *it be* in his destruction, *one may utter a* ,
 cry because of these things.

Did not I weep for him that was in trouble ? 25
 Was not my soul grieved for the needy ?

When I looked for good, then evil came ; 26
 And when I waited for light, there came dark-

ness.
 My bowels boil, and rest not; 27
 Days of affliction are come upon me.

⁶ Or, *blackened*
but not by the
sun. I go ⁶mourning without the sun : 28
 I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.

I am a brother to jackals, 29
 And a companion to ostriches.

My skin is black *and falleth* from me, 30
 And my bones are burned with heat.

My harp also is *turned* to mourning, 31
 And my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

I made a covenant with mine eyes ; 31

How then should I look upon a maid ?

² 1 For what *is* the portion of God from above ?

And the heritage of the Almighty from on high ?

³ 3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous ?

And disaster to the workers of iniquity ?

⁴ 4 Doth not he see my ways,

And number all my steps ?

⁵ 5 If I have walked with vanity,

And my foot hath hasted to deceit ;

⁶ 6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance,

That God may know mine integrity ;)

⁷ 7 If my step hath turned out of the way,

And mine heart walked after mine eyes,

And if any spot hath cleaved to mine hands ;

⁸ 8 Then let me sow, and let another eat ;

Yea, let ²the produce of my field be rooted out.

⁹ 9 If mine heart have been enticed unto a woman,

And I have laid wait at my neighbour's door ;

¹⁰ 10 Then let my wife grind unto another,

And let others bow down upon her.

¹¹ 11 For that were an heinous crime ;

Yea, it were an iniquity to be punished by the judges :

¹² 12 For it is a fire that consumeth unto ³Destruction,

And would root out all mine increase.

¹³ 13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant,

When they contended with me ;

¹⁴ 14 What then shall I do when God riseth up ?

And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him ?

¹⁵ 15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him ?

And did not one fashion us in the womb ?

¹⁶ 16 If I have withheld aught that the poor desired, Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail ;

¹⁷ 17 Or have eaten my morsel alone,

And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof ;

¹ Or, *For what portion should I have of God &c. and what heritage &c. ? Is there not calamity &c. ?*

² Heb. *my produce.*
Or, *my offspring*

³ Heb. *Abaddon.*

(For from my youth he grew up with me, as with 18
a father,

And I have been her guide from my mother's
womb;)

If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, 19
Or that the needy had no covering ;

If his loins have not blessed me, 20

And if he were not warmed with the fleece of
my sheep ;

If I have lifted up my hand against the father- 21
less,

Because I saw my help in the gate :

Then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder 22
blade,

And mine arm be broken from the bone.

For calamity from God was a terror to me, 23

And by reason of his excellency I could not
endure.

If I have made gold my hope, 24

Or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art my con-*
fidence ;

If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, 25

And because mine hand had gotten much ;

If I beheld ¹the sun when it shined, 26

Or the moon walking in brightness ;

And my heart hath been secretly enticed, 27

And ²my mouth hath kissed my hand :

This also were an iniquity to be punished by the 28
judges :

For I should have ³lied to God that is above.

If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated 29
me,

Or lifted up myself when evil found him :

⁴Yea, I suffered not my ⁴mouth to sin 30

By asking his life with a curse :)

If the men of my tent said not, 31

⁵Who can find one that hath not been satisfied
with his flesh ?

¹ Heb. *the light.*

² Heb.
*my hand
hath kissed
my mouth.*

³ Or, *denied*

⁴ Heb. *palate.*

⁵ Or, *Oh that
we had of his
flesh! we can-
not be satisfied.*

- 32 The stranger did not lodge in the street :
 But I opened my doors to ¹the traveller. ¹ Heb. *the way.*
- 33 If like ²Adam I covered my transgressions,
 By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom ; ² Or, *men*
- 34 Because I feared the great multitude,
 And the contempt of families terrified me,
 So that I kept silence, and went not out of the door :
- 35 Oh that I had one to hear me !
 (Lo, here is my ³signature, let the Almighty ³ Heb. *mark.*
 answer me ;)
 And that *I had* the ⁴indictment which my ad- ⁴ Heb. *book.*
 versary hath written !
- 36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder ;
 I would bind it unto me as a crown.
- 37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps ;
 As a prince would I ⁵go near unto him. ⁵ Or, *present*
it to him
- 38 If my land cry out against me,
 And the furrows thereof weep together ;
- 39 If I have eaten the ⁶fruits thereof without money, ⁶ Heb. *strength.*
 Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life :
- 40 Let ⁷thistles grow instead of wheat, ⁷ Or, *thorns*
 And ⁸cockle instead of barley. ⁸ Or, *noisome*
weeds

The words of Job are ended.

- 32 ¹ So these three men ceased to answer Job,
 because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- ² Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son
 of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram :
 against Job was his wrath kindled, because
- ³ he justified himself rather than God. Also a-
 gainst his three friends was his wrath kindled,
 because they had found no answer, and yet had
- ⁴ condemned Job. Now Elihu had ⁹waited to ⁹ Heb. *waited*
for Job with
words.
 speak unto Job, because they were elder than he.

And when Elihu saw that there was no answer 5
in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was
kindled.

And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite 6
answered and said,

I am young, and ye are very old ;
Wherefore I held back, and durst not shew you
mine opinion.

I said, Days should speak, 7

And multitude of years should teach wisdom.

But there is a spirit in man, 8

And the breath of the Almighty giveth them
understanding.

It is not the great that are wise : 9

Nor the aged that understand judgement.

Therefore I said, Harken to me ; 10

I also will shew mine opinion.

Behold, I waited for your words, 11

I listened for your reasons,

Whilst ye searched out what to say.

Yea, I attended unto you, 12

And, behold, there was none that convinced Job,

Or that answered his words, among you :

¹ Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom : 13

God thrusteth him down, not man.

² Now he hath not directed his words against me ; 14

Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

They are amazed, they answer no more : 15

They have not a word to say.

And shall I wait, because they speak not, 16

Because they stand still, and answer no more ?

I also will answer my part, 17

I also will shew mine opinion.

For I am full of words ; 18

The spirit ³ within me constraineth me.

Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent ; 19

Like new ⁴ bottles ⁵ it is ready to burst,

¹ Or, *Beware*
lest ye say, We
have found
wisdom ; God
may vanquish
him, not man

² Or, *For*

³ Heb. *of my*
belly.

⁴ Or, *wine-*
skins

⁵ Or, *which*
are ready

Burst

- 20 I will speak, that I may ¹be refreshed ;
I will open my lips and answer.
- 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person ;
Neither will I give flattering titles unto any
man.
- 22 For I know not to give flattering titles ;
Else would my Maker soon take me away.

¹ Or, find
relief

33 ¹ Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech,
And hearken to all my words.

2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth,
My tongue hath spoken in my ²mouth.

² Heb. palate.

3 My words *shall utter* the uprightness of my
heart :

And that which my lips know they shall speak
³clearly.

³ Or, purely

4 The Spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

5 If thou canst, answer thou me ;
Set *thy words* in order before me, stand forth.

6 Behold, ⁴I am according to thy wish in God's
stead :

⁴ Or, I stand
toward God
even as thou
dost

I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,
Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing,
And I have heard the voice of thy words, *saying*,

9 I am clean, without transgression ;
I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me :

⁵ Or, causes of
alienation

10 Behold, he findeth ⁵occasions ⁶against me,
He counteth me for his enemy ;

⁶ Or, in

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
He marketh all my paths.

⁷ Or, Behold,
in this thou
art not just ;
I will answer
thee &c.

12 ⁷Behold, I will answer thee, in this thou art not
just ;

⁸ Or, Why
dost thou strive
against him,
for that he...
matters?

For God is greater than man.

13 ⁸Why dost thou strive against him?

- For he giveth not account of any of his matters.
 For God speaketh ¹once, 14
 Yea, twice, *though man* regardeth it not.
 In a dream, in a vision of the night, 15
 When deep sleep falleth upon men,
 In slumberings upon the bed ;
 Then he ²openeth the ears of men, 16
 And sealeth their instruction,
³Or, *That man may put away his purpose, and that he may hide* That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, 17
 And hide pride from man ;
⁴Or, *That he may keep back* He keepeth back his soul from the pit, 18
 And his life from perishing by the sword.
 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, 19
 And with continual strife in his bones :
 So that his life abhorreth bread, 20
 And his soul dainty meat.
 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be 21
 seen ;
 And his bones that were not seen stick out.
 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit, 22
 And his life to the destroyers.
⁵Or, *a messenger* If there be with him ⁵an angel, 23
 An interpreter, one among a thousand,
⁶Or, *his uprightness* To shew unto man ⁶what is right for him ;
 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith : 24
 Deliver him from going down to the pit,
 I have found a ransom.
 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's ; 25
 He returneth to the days of his youth :
 He prayeth unto God, and he is favourable unto 26
 him ;
 So that he seeth his face with joy :
 And he restoreth unto man his righteousness.
⁷Or, *He singeth before men* He looketh upon men, and saith, 27
 I have sinned, and perverted that which was right,
 And ⁸it profited me not :
⁸Or, *it was not requited unto me* He hath redeemed my soul from going into the 28
 pit,

And my life shall see the light.

- 29 Lo, all these things worketh God,
Twice, *yea* thrice, with a man,
30 To bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of
 ¹the living. ¹ Or, *life*
31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me :
Hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me :
Speak, for I desire to justify thee.
33 If not, hearken thou unto me :
Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.

34 ¹ Moreover Elihu answered and said,

- 2 Hear my words, ye wise men ;
And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words,
As the palate tasteth meat.
4 Let us choose for us that which is right :
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous,
And God hath taken away my right :
6 ²Notwithstanding my right I am *accounted* a liar ; ² Or, *Should I lie against my right?*
 ³My wound is incurable, *though I am* without ³ Heb. *Mine arrow.*
transgression.
7 What man is like Job,
Who drinketh up scorning like water ?
8 Which goeth in company with the workers of
iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men ?
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing
That he should 'delight himself with God. ⁴ Or, *consent with* See Ps.
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of under-
standing : l. 18.
Far be it from God, that he should do wicked-
ness ;
And from the Almighty, that he should commit
iniquity.

For the work of a man shall he render unto 11
him,
And cause every man to find according to his
ways.

Yea, of a surety, God will not do wickedly, 12
Neither will the Almighty pervert judgement.

Who gave him a charge over the earth? 13

Or who hath ¹disposed the whole world?

²If he set his heart ³upon ⁴man, 14

If he gather unto himself his spirit and his
breath;

All flesh shall perish together, 15

And man shall turn again unto dust.

⁵If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: 16

Hearken to the voice of my words.

Shall even one that hateth right govern? 17

And wilt thou condemn him that is just *and*
mighty?

⁶Is it *fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* vile? 18

Or to nobles, *Ye are* wicked?

How much less to him that accepteth not the 19
persons of princes,

Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor?

For they all are the work of his hands.

In a moment they die, ⁷even at midnight; 20

The people are shaken and pass away,

And the mighty are taken away without hand.

For his eyes are upon the ways of a man, 21

And he seeth all his goings.

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, 22

Where the workers of iniquity may hide them-
selves.

For he needeth not further to consider a man; 23

That he should go before God in judgement.

He breaketh in pieces mighty men ⁸*in ways* past 24
finding out,

And setteth others in their stead.

So he taketh knowledge of their works, 25

¹ Or, *laid*
upon him

² According to
another read-
ing, *If he cause*
his heart to re-
turn unto him-
self.

³ Or, *upon*
himself

⁴ Heb. *him.*

⁵ Or, *Only*
understand

⁶ Or, as read
by some
ancient ver-
sions, *Who*
said &c.
That
accepteth &c.

⁷ Or, *and at*
midnight the
people &c.

⁸ Or, *without*
inquisition

And he overturneth them in the night, so that they are ¹destroyed.

¹ Heb. *crushed*.

26 He striketh them as wicked men

²In the open sight of others;

² Heb. *In the place of beholders.*

27 Because they turned aside from following him, And would not have regard to any of his ways:

28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come unto him,

And he heard the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn?

And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him?

Whether *it be done* unto a nation, or unto a man, alike:

30 That the godless man reign not,

³Neither any that ensnare the people.

³ Heb. *Nor snares of the people.*

31 ⁴For hath any said unto God,

I have borne *chastisement*, ⁵I will not offend *any more*:

⁴ Or, *Surely it is meet to be said &c.*

32 That which I see not teach thou me:

If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more?

⁵ Or, *though I offend not*

33 Shall his recompence be as thou wilt, that thou refusest it?

For thou must choose, and not I:

Therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Men of understanding will say unto me,

Yea, every wise man that heareth me:

35 Job speaketh without knowledge,

And his words are without wisdom.

36 Would that Job were tried unto the end,

Because of his answering like wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,

He clappeth his hands among us,

And multiplieth his words against God.

35 ¹ Moreover Elihu answered and said,

² Thinkest thou this to be *thy* right,

Or sayest thou, My righteousness is more than
God's,
That thou sayest, What advantage will it be unto 3
thee?

And, What profit shall I have, more than if I
had sinned?

I will answer thee, 4
And thy companions with thee.

Look unto the heavens, and see; 5
And behold the skies which are higher than
thou.

If thou hast sinned, what doest thou against him? 6
And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what
doest thou unto him?

If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? 7
Or what receiveth he of thine hand?

Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou art; 8
And thy righteousness *may profit* a son of man.
By reason of the multitude of oppressions they 9
cry out:

They cry for help by reason of the arm of the
mighty.

¹Or, *Who
teacheth us by
&c.*

*And maketh
us wise by &c.?*

²Or, *but he
answereth not*

³Or, *thou be-
holdest him not.*

*The cause is be-
fore him; there-
fore wait thou
for him*

⁴Or, *because
it is not so, he
hath visited in
his anger,
saith Job*

⁵Or, *Thou
sayest, He doth
not greatly re-
gard arro-
gance. Thus
doth &c.*

But none saith, Where is God my maker, 10
Who giveth songs in the night;

¹Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the 11
earth,

And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

There they cry, ²but none giveth answer, 12
Because of the pride of evil men.

Surely God will not hear vanity, 13
Neither will the Almighty regard it.

How much less when thou sayest ³thou beholdest 14
him not,

The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him.

But now, ⁴because he hath not visited in his anger, 15

⁵Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance;

Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity; 16

He multiplieth words without knowledge.

- 36¹ Elihu also proceeded, and said,
 2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee ;
 For ¹ I have yet somewhat to say on God's be-
 half. ¹ Heb. there
are yet words
for God.
 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
 And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
 4 For truly my words are not false :
 One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any :
 He is mighty in strength of ² understanding. ² Heb. heart.
 6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked :
 But giveth to the afflicted *their* right.
 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous :
 But with kings upon the throne
 He setteth them for ever, and they are exalted.
 8 And if they be bound in fetters,
 And be taken in the cords of affliction ;
 9 Then he sheweth them their work,
 And their transgressions, that they have behaved
 themselves proudly.
 10 He openeth also their ear to instruction,
 And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
 11 If they hearken and serve him,
 They shall spend their days in prosperity,
 And their years in ³ pleasures. ³ Or,
pleasantness
 12 But if they hearken not, they shall perish by
 the sword,
 And they shall die without knowledge.
 13 But they that are godless in heart lay up anger :
 They cry not for help when he bindeth them.
 14 ⁴ They die in youth,
 And their life *perisheth* ⁵ among the ⁶ unclean. ⁴ Heb. Their
soul dieth.
⁵ Or, like.
⁶ Or, sodom-
ites. Deut.
xxiii. 17.
 15 He delivereth the afflicted ⁷ by his affliction,
 And openeth their ear ⁸ in oppression. ⁷ Or, in
⁸ Or, by
 16 Yea, he would have led thee away ⁹ out of dis-
 tress,
 Into a broad place, where there is no straitness ; ⁹ Heb. out of
the mouth of.

And that which is set on thy table should be full of fatness.

¹ Or, *hast filled up* But thou ¹art full of the judgement of the wicked : 17
Judgement and justice take hold *on thee*.

² Or, *For beware lest wrath lead thee away into mockery* ² Because there is wrath, beware lest thou be led 18
away by *thy* sufficiency ;

Neither let the greatness of the ransom turn thee aside.

³ Or, *Will thy cry avail &c.?* ³ Will thy riches suffice, ⁴ *that thou be* not in distress, 19

⁴ Or, *that are without stint* Or all the forces of *thy* strength ?

Desire not the night, 20

When peoples are cut off in their place.

Take heed, regard not iniquity : 21

For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Behold, God doeth loftily in his power : 22

Who is a teacher like unto him ?

Who hath enjoined him his way ? 23

Or who can say, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness ?

Remember that thou magnify his work, 24

Whereof men have sung.

All men have looked thereon ; 25

Man beholdeth it afar off.

Behold, God is great, and we know him not, 26

The number of his years is unsearchable.

For he draweth up the drops of water : 27

⁵ Heb. *belonging to.* Which distil in rain ⁵from ⁶his vapour : .

⁶ Or, *the vapour thereof* Which the skies pour down 28

And drop upon man abundantly.

Yea, can any understand the spreadings of the 29
clouds,

The thunders of his pavilion ?

⁷ Or, *thereon* Behold he spreadeth his light ⁷around him ; 30

⁸ Or, *it* And ⁸he covereth the bottom of the sea.

For by these he judgeth the peoples ; 31

He giveth meat in abundance.

⁹ Heb. *light.* He covereth his hands with the ⁹lightning ; 32

¹⁰ Or, *against the assailant* And giveth it a charge ¹⁰that it strike the mark.

33 The noise thereof telleth concerning ¹him,
The cattle also concerning *the storm* that cometh
up.

¹ Or, *it*

37 ¹ At this also my heart trembleth,
And is moved out of its place.

² Hearken ye unto the noise of his voice,
And the ²sound that goeth out of his mouth.

² Or, *mutter-
ing*

³ He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven,
And his ³lightning unto the ⁴ends of the earth.

³ Heb. *light*.

⁴ Heb. *skirts*.

⁴ After it a voice roareth ;

He thundereth with the voice of his majesty :
And he stayeth them not when his voice is heard.

⁵ God thundereth marvellously with his voice ;
Great things doeth he, which we cannot compre-
hend.

⁶ For he saith to the snow, Fall thou on the earth ;
Likewise to the shower of rain,
And to the showers of his mighty rain.

⁷ He sealeth up the hand of every man ;

⁸ That all men whom he hath made may know it.

⁸ According to
some ancient
authorities,
*That all men
may know his
work.*

⁸ Then the beasts go into coverts,
And remain in their dens.

⁹ Out of ⁶the chamber *of the south* cometh the
storm :

⁶ Ch. ix. 9.

And cold out of the ⁷north.

⁷ Heb. *scatter-
ing* winds.

¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given :

And the breadth of the waters is ⁸straitened.

⁸ Or, *con-
gealed*

¹¹ Yea, he ladeth the thick cloud with moisture ;

He spreadeth abroad the cloud of his ⁹lightning :

¹² And it is turned round about by his counsels,
that they may do *his behest* ;

Whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face
of the habitable world :

¹³ Whether for correction, or for his ⁹land,
Or for mercy he cause it to come.

⁹ Or, *earth*

¹⁴ Hearken unto this, O Job :

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of
God.

Dost thou know how God layeth *his charge* upon 15
them,

¹ Heb. *light*.

And causeth the ¹lightning of his cloud to shine ?
Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, 16
The wondrous works of him which is perfect in
knowledge ?

² Or, *Thou
whose gar-
ments are &c.*

² How thy garments are warm, 17

³ Or, *When he
quieteth the
earth by the
south wind*

³ When the earth is still by reason of the south
wind ?

Canst thou with him spread out the sky, 18

Which is strong as a molten mirror ?

Teach us what we shall say unto him ; 19

For we cannot order *our speech* by reason of dark-
ness.

Shall it be told him that I would speak ? 20

Or should a man wish that he were swallowed
up ?

And now men see not the light which is bright in 21
the skies :

But the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

⁴ Heb. *gold*.

Out of the north cometh ⁴golden splendour : 22

God hath upon him terrible majesty.

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out ; 23
he is excellent in power :

⁵ Or, *to judge-
ment...he
doeth no
violence*

And ⁵in judgement and plenteous justice he will
not afflict.

Men do therefore fear him : 24

He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirl- 1 38
wind, and said,

Who is this that darkeneth *my* counsel 2

By words without knowledge ?

Gird up now thy loins like a man ; 3

For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto
me.

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations 4
of the earth ?

Declare, ¹if thou hast understanding.

5 Who determined the measures thereof, ²if thou knowest?

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon were the ³foundations thereof ⁴fastened?

Or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth, ⁵as if it had issued out of the womb;

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And ⁶prescribed for it my ⁷decree,

And set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;

And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days *began*,

And caused the dayspring to know its place;

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed as clay under the seal;

And *all things* stand forth ⁸as in their apparel:

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?

Or hast thou walked in the ⁹recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?

Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou comprehended the breadth of the earth?

Declare, if thou knowest it all.

¹ Heb. *if thou knowest understanding.*

² Or, *seeing*

³ Heb. *sockets.*

⁴ Heb. *made to sink?*

⁵ Or, *and issued*

⁶ Heb. *brake.*

⁷ Or, *boundary*

⁸ Or, *as a garment*

⁹ Or, *search*

Where is the way to the dwelling of light, 19
 And as for darkness, where is the place thereof;
 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, 20
 And that thou shouldest discern the paths to
 the house thereof?

Doubtless, thou knowest, for thou wast then 21
 born,

And the number of thy days is great!
 Hast thou entered the treasures of the snow, 22
 Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
 Which I have reserved against the time of 23
 trouble,

Against the day of battle and war?

¹ Or, *Which is
 the way to the
 place where the
 light is &c.*

¹ By what way is the light parted, 24

Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?

Who hath cleft a channel for the water-flood, 25

Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;

To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; 26

On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

To satisfy the waste and desolate *ground*; 27

² Or,
greensward

And to cause the ²tender grass to spring forth?

Hath the rain a father? 28

Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

Out of whose womb came the ice? 29

³ Or, *given
 it birth*

And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath ³gender-
 ed it?

⁴ Or, *hide
 themselves and
 become like
 stone*

The waters ⁴are hidden as *with* stone, 30

And the face of the deep ⁵is frozen.

Canst thou bind the ⁶cluster of the Pleiades, 31

⁵ Or, *cohereth*

Or loose the bands of Orion?

⁶ Or, *chain
 Or, sweet in-
 fluences*

Canst thou bring forth the ⁷Mazzaroth in their 32
 season?

⁷ Or, *the signs
 of the Zodiac*

Or canst thou guide the Bear with her ⁸train?

⁸ Heb. *sons.*

Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens? 33

Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the
 earth?

Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, 34

That abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, Here we are ?

36 Who hath put wisdom in the ¹inward parts ?
Or who hath given understanding to the ²mind ?

¹ Or,
dark clouds

37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom ?

² Or, *meteor*

Or who can ³pour out the bottles of heaven,

³ Heb. *cause to lie down.*

38 When the dust runneth into a mass,

And the clods cleave fast together ?

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness ?

Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in their dens,

And abide in the covert to lie in wait ?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food,

When his young ones cry unto God,

And wander for lack of meat ?

39 1 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of
the rock bring forth ?

Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve ?

2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil ?

Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth ?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their
young,

They cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow
up in the open field ;

They go forth, and ⁴return not again.

⁴ Or, *return not unto them*

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free ?

Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass ?

6 Whose house I have made the wilderness,

And the salt land his dwelling-place.

7 He scorneth the tumult of the city,

Neither heareth he the shoutings of the ⁵driver.

⁵ Or,
taskmaster

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,

And he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the wild-ox be content to serve thee ?

Or will he abide by thy crib ?

10 Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the
furrow ?

Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is ¹¹
great?

Or wilt thou leave to him thy labour?
Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home ¹²
thy seed,

And gather *the corn* of thy threshing-floor?

The wing of the ostrich rejoiceth; ¹³

¹ Or, like the
stork's

But are her pinions and feathers ¹kindly? ¹³

For she leaveth her eggs on the earth, ¹⁴

And warmeth them in the dust,

And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, ¹⁵

Or that the wild beast may trample them.

² Or, dealeth
hardly with

She ²is hardened against her young ones, as if ¹⁶

they were not hers:

Though her labour be in vain, *she is* without
fear;

³ Heb. made
her to forget
wisdom.

Because God hath ³deprived her of wisdom, ¹⁷

Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

⁴ Or, rouseth
herself up to
flight

What time she ⁴lifteth up herself on high, ¹⁸

She scorneth the horse and his rider.

Hast thou given the horse *his* might? ¹⁹

⁵ Heb. shaking.

Hast thou clothed his neck with ⁵the quivering
mane?

Hast thou made him to leap as a locust? ²⁰

The glory of his snorting is terrible.

⁶ Heb.
They paw.

⁶He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his ²¹
strength:

⁷ Or, the
weapons

He goeth out to meet ⁷the armed men.

He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed; ²²

Neither turneth he back from the sword.

⁸ Or, upon

The quiver rattleth' ⁸against him, ²³

The flashing spear and the javelin.

He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and ²⁴
rage:

⁹ Or, Neither
standeth he still
at &c.

⁹Neither believeth he that it is the voice of the
trumpet.

As oft as the trumpet *soundeth* he saith, Aha! ²⁵

And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

- 26 Doth the hawk soar by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings toward the south ?
27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command,
And make her nest on high ?
28 She dwelleth on the rock and hath her lodging
there,
Upon the crag of the rock, and the strong hold.
29 From thence she spieth out the prey ;
Her eyes behold it afar off.
30 Her young ones also suck up blood :
And where the slain are, there is she.

- 40 1 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,
2 Can he that reproveth contend with the Al-
mighty ?
He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

- 3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
4 Behold, I am vile ; what shall I answer thee ?
I lay mine hand upon my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer ;
Yea twice, but I will proceed no further.

- 6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the
whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man :
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto
me.
8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgement ?
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be
justified ?
9 Or hast thou an arm like God ?
And canst thou thunder with a voice like him ?
10 Deck thyself now with excellency and dignity ;
And array thyself with honour and majesty.
11 Pour forth the overflowings of thine anger :

And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him.

Look on every one that is proud, *and* bring him 12
low ;

And tread down the wicked where they stand.

Hide them in the dust together ; 13

Bind their faces in the hidden *place*.

Then will I also confess of thee 14

That thine own right hand can save thee.

¹ That is, probably, the hippopotamus. Behold now ¹ behemoth, which I made with 15
thee ;

He eateth grass as an ox.

Lo now, his strength is in his loins, 16

And his force is in the muscles of his belly.

He moveth his tail like a cedar : 17

The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

His bones are *as* tubes of brass ; 18

² Or, ribs His ² limbs are like bars of iron.

³ Or, beginning He is the ³ chief of the ways of God : 19

⁴ Or, He that made him hath furnished him with his sword. ⁴ He *only* that made him can make his sword to 20
approach *unto* him.

Surely the mountains bring him forth food ;

Where all the beasts of the field do play. 21

He lieth under the lotus trees,

In the covert of the reed, and the fen. 22

The lotus trees cover him with their shadow ;

The willows of the brook compass him about. 23

⁵ Or, be violent Behold, if a river ⁵ overflow, he trembleth not : 24

He is confident though Jordan swell *up* to his

mouth.

Shall any take him when he is on the watch, 25

Or pierce through his nose with a snare ?

Ch. XL. 25 in Heb. Canst thou draw out ⁶ leviathan with a fish 41
hook ?

Or press down his tongue with a cord ?

⁶ That is, probably, the crocodile. Canst thou put a *cord of* rush into his nose ? 2

⁷ Or, spike Or pierce his jaw through with a ⁷ hook ?

Will he make many supplications unto thee ? 3

- Or will he speak soft words unto thee ?
 4 Will he make a covenant with thee,
 That thou shouldst take him for a servant for
 ever ?
 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird ?
 Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens ?
 6 Shall the bands of *fishermen* make traffic of
 him ?
 Shall they part him among the merchants ?
 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons ?
 Or his head with fish spears ?
 8 Lay thine hand upon him ;
 Remember the battle, and do so no more.
 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain :
 Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of
 him ?
 10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up :
 Who then is he that can stand before me ?
 11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should re-
 pay him ?
Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.
 12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
 Nor his mighty *acts*, nor his comely proportion.
 13 Who can ¹strip off his outer garment ?
 Who shall come within his double bridle ?
 14 Who can open the doors of his face ?
²Round about his teeth is terror.
 15 *His* ³strong scales are *his* pride,
 Shut up together *as with* a close seal.
 16 One is so near to another,
 That no air can come between them.
 17 They are joined one to another ;
 They stick together, that they cannot be sun-
 dered.
 18 His neesings flash forth light,
 And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
 19 Out of his mouth go burning torches,
 And sparks of fire leap forth.

Ch. XLI. 1 in
Heb.

¹ Heb. *uncover
the face of his
garment.*

² Or, *His teeth
are terrible
round about*

³ Or, *courses of
scales*
Heb. *shields.*

Out of his nostrils a smoke goeth, 20
 As of a seething pot and *burning* rushes.
 His breath kindleth coals, 21
 And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.
 In his neck abideth strength, 22
 And terror ¹*exulteth* before him.
 The flakes of his flesh are joined together : 23
 They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.
 His heart is as firm as a stone ; 24
 Yea, firm as the nether millstone.
 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are 25
 afraid :

¹ Or, *danceth*
² Or, *By*
reason of con-
sternation

² By reason of *his* breakings they are beside themselves.

³ Or, *If one lay*
at him with
the sword it
cannot avail

³ The sword of him that layeth at him cannot 26
 hold :

⁴ Or,
breastplate

The spear, the dart, nor the ⁴pointed shaft.

He counteth iron as straw, 27
 And brass as rotten wood.

⁵ Heb. *son of*
the bow.

The ⁵arrow cannot make him flee : 28

Slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

Clubs are counted as stubble : 29

He laugheth at the rushing of the javelin.

His underparts are *like* sharp potsherds : 30

He spreadeth *as it were* a threshing wain upon
 the mire.

He maketh the deep to boil like a pot : 31

He maketh the sea like ointment.

He maketh a path to shine after him ; 32

One would think the deep to be hoary.

Upon earth there is not his like, 33

That is made without fear.

He beholdeth every thing that is high : 34

⁶ Ch. xxviii. 8.

He is king over all the ⁶sons of pride.

Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 1 42

I know that thou canst do all things, 2

And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.

- 3 ¹Who is this that hideth counsel without know-¹ Ch. xxxviii.
ledge?^{2.}
Therefore have I uttered that which I under-
stood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
- 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;
²I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto² Ch. xxxviii.
me.^{3, & xl. 7.}
- 5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now mine eye seeth thee,
- 6 Wherefore I ³abhor *myself*, and repent³ Or, *loathe*
In dust and ashes.^{my words}
- 7 And it was so, that after the LORD had
spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to
Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled
against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye
have not spoken of me the thing that is right,
- 8 as my servant Job hath. Now therefore, take
unto you **now** seven bullocks and seven rams,
and go to my servant Job, and offer up for your-
selves a burnt offering; and my servant Job
shall pray for you; for him will I accept; that
I deal not with you after your folly; for ye have
not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my
- 9 servant Job hath. So Eliphaz the Temanite and
Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite
went, and did according as the LORD commanded
- 10 them: and the LORD accepted Job. And the
LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he
prayed for his friends: and the LORD gave Job
- 11 twice as much as he had before. Then came
there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters,
and all they that had been of his acquaintance
before, and did eat bread with him in his house:
and they bemoaned him, and comforted him con-
cerning all the evil that the LORD had brought
upon him: every man also gave him ⁴a piece of⁴ Heb.
kesitah.

money, and every one an ~~an~~ earring of gold. So ¹²
the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than
his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand
sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand
yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He ¹³
had also seven sons and three daughters. And ¹⁴
he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and
the name of the second, Keziah; and the name
of the third, Keren-happuch. And in all the ¹⁵
land were no women found so fair as the
daughters of Job: and their father gave them
inheritance among their brethren. And after ¹⁶
this Job lived an hundred and forty years, and
saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four
generations. So Job died, being old and full of ¹⁷
days.

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THE PSALMS.

BOOK I.

- 1 ¹ BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the
counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers
of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season,
His leaf also doth not wither;
And ¹whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The wicked are not so;
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth
away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the
judgement,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the right-
eous:
But the way of the wicked shall perish.
- 2 ¹ Why do the nations ²rage,
And the peoples ³imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against his anointed:
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.

¹ Or, in what-
soever he doeth
he shall pros-
per

² Or, tu-
multuously
assemble
³ Or,
meditate

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh : 4
 The Lord shall have them in derision.
 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, 5
 And ¹ vex them in his sore displeasure :
 Yet have I set my king 6
 Upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will tell of the decree : 7
 The LORD said unto me, Thou art my son ;
 This day have I begotten thee.
 Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for 8
 thine inheritance,
 And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy
 possession.
 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ; 9
 Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's
 vessel.

Now therefore be wise, O ye kings : 10
 Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
 Serve the LORD with fear, 11
 And rejoice with trembling.

² Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish 12
 from the way,

³ For his wrath ⁴ will soon be kindled.
 Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from 3
 Absalom his son.

LORD, how are mine adversaries increased ! 1
 Many are they that rise up against me.
 Many there be which say ⁵ of my soul, 2
 There is no ⁶ help for him in God. [Selah
 But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me ; 3
 My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
 I cry unto the LORD with my voice, 4
 And he answereth me out of his holy hill.

[Selah

² Some ancient versions render, *Lay hold of, or, Receive instruction ;* others, *Worship in purity.*

³ Or, *When his wrath is kindled for a little while*

⁴ Or, *may speedily kindle*

⁵ Or, *to*

⁶ Or, *salvation*

- 5 I laid me down and slept ;
 I awaked ; for the LORD sustaineth me.
 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the
 people,
 That have set themselves against me round
 about.
 7 Arise, O LORD ; save me, O my God :
 For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon
 the cheek bone ;
 Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
 8 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD :
 Thy blessing be upon thy people. [Selah

4 For the chief Musician ; on stringed
 instruments. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteous-
 ness ;

Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress:

¹ Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

¹ Or, Be
 gracious
 unto me

- 2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be
 turned into dishonour ?

How long will ye love vanity, and seek after
 leasing ? [Selah

- 3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him
 that is godly for himself :

The LORD will hear when I call unto him.

- 4 ² Stand in awe, and sin not :

² Or, Be ye
 angry

Commune with your own heart upon your bed,
 and be still. [Selah

- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

And put your trust in the LORD.

- 6 Many there be that say, Who will shew us *any*
 good ?

LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance
 upon us.

- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,

More than *they have* when their corn and their
 wine are increased.

¹ Or, *in solitude*

In peace will I both lay me down and sleep : ⁸
For thou, LORD, ¹alone makest me dwell in
safety.

² Or, *wind instruments*

For the chief Musician ; with the ²Nehiloth. ⁵
A Psalm of David.

Give ear to my words, O LORD, ¹
Consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, ²
and my God :

For unto thee do I pray.

O LORD, in the morning shalt thou hear my ³
voice ;

In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto
thee, and will keep watch.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in ⁴
wickedness :

Evil shall not sojourn with thee.

³ Or, *Fools*

³The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight : ⁵
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing : ⁶

The LORD abhorreth the bloodthirsty and
deceitful man.

But as for me, in the multitude of thy loving- ⁷
kindness will I come into thy house :

In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy
temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because ⁸
of ⁴mine enemies ;

Make thy way plain before my face.

For there is no ⁵faithfulness in their mouth ; ⁹

Their inward part is ⁶very wickedness :

Their throat is ⁶an open sepulchre ;

They ⁷flatter with their tongue.

Hold them guilty, O God ;

Let them fall ⁸by their own counsels : ¹⁰

Thrust them out in the multitude of their trans-
gressions ;

⁴ Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

⁵ Or, *steadfastness*

⁶ Or, *a yawning gulf*

⁷ Heb. *make smooth their tongue.*

⁸ Or, *from their counsels*

For they have rebelled against thee.

- 11 ¹But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice,
 Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them :
 Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
- 12 For thou wilt bless the righteous ;
 O LORD, thou wilt compass him with favour as
 with a shield.

¹ Or, *So shall all those... rejoice, They shall ever shout...and thou shalt defend them : They also... shall be joyful in thee*

6 For the chief Musician ; on stringed instruments,
 set to ²the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

² Or,
the eighth

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,
 Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD ; for I am
 withered away :
 O LORD, heal me ; for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul also is sore vexed :
 And thou, O LORD, how long ?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul :
 Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee :
 In ³Sheol who shall give thee thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning ;
 Every night make I my bed to swim ;
 I water my couch with my tears.
- 7 Mine eye wasteth away because of grief ;
 It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ;
 For the LORD hath heard the voice of my
 weeping.
- 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication ;
 The LORD will receive my prayer.
- 10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore
 vexed :
 They shall turn back, they shall be ashamed
 suddenly.

³ See Gen.
 xxxvii. 35.

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush a Benjamite. 7

¹ Or, take
refuge

O LORD my God, in thee do I ¹ put my trust : 1
Save me from all them that pursue me, and
deliver me :

Lest he tear my soul like a lion, 2
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to
deliver.

O LORD my God, if I have done this ; 3
If there be iniquity in my hands ;

² Or, If I
have requited
him that
rewardeth
me evil

² If I have rewarded evil unto him that was 4
at peace with me ;
(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause
was mine adversary :)

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it ; 5
Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay mine honour in the dust. [Selah

Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, 6
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine ad-
versaries :

And awake for me ; thou hast commanded
judgement.

³ Or, So shall ³ And let the congregation of the peoples com- 7
pass thee about :

⁴ Or, for their
sakes

And ⁴ over them return thou on high.
The LORD shall minister judgement to the 8
peoples :

Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteous-
ness, and according to mine integrity ⁵ that is
in me.

⁵ Or, be it
unto me

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an 9
end, and establish thou the righteous :
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and
reins.

My shield is with God, 10
Which saveth the upright in heart.

- 11 God is a righteous judge,
 Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.
 12 ¹ If a man turn not, he will whet his sword ;
 He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments
 of death ;
 He maketh his arrows fiery.
 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity ;
 Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought
 forth falsehood.
 15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,
 And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
 And his violence shall come down upon his own
 pate.
 17 I will give thanks unto the LORD according
 to his righteousness :
 And will sing praise to the name of the LORD
 Most High.

¹ Or, Surely
 he will again
 whet

8 For the chief Musician; set to the Gittith.
 A Psalm of David.

- 1 Jehovah, our Lord,
 How excellent is thy name in all the earth !
 Who hast set thy glory ² upon the heavens.
 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast
 thou established strength,
 Because of thine adversaries,
 That thou mightest still the enemy and the
 revenger.
 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy
 fingers,
 The moon and the stars, which thou hast or-
 dained ;
 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him ?
 And the son of man, that thou visitest him ?
 5 For thou hast made him but little lower than ³ Or, the
³ God, angels

² Or, above

³ Or, the
 angels

And crownest him with glory and honour.
 Thou madest him to have dominion over the 6
 works of thy hands ;
 Thou hast put all things under his feet :
 All sheep and oxen, 7
 Yea, and the beasts of the field ;
 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, 8
 Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the
 seas.
 Jehovah, our Lord, 9
 How excellent is thy name in all the earth !

For the chief Musician ; set to Muthlabben. 9
 A Psalm of David.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my 1
 whole heart ;
 I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
 I will be glad and exult in thee : 2
 I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most
 High.
 When mine enemies turn back, 3
 They stumble and perish at thy presence.
 For thou hast maintained my right and my 4
 cause ;
 Thou satest in the throne judging righteously.
 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast 5
 destroyed the wicked,
 Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and
 ever.

¹ Or, O thou enemy, desolations are come to a perpetual end

² Or, And the cities which thou hast overthrown

³ Heb. plucked up.

⁴ Or, peoples

¹ The enemy, they are come to an end, they are 6
 desolate for ever ;

² And *their* cities thou hast ³overthrown ;
 Their very memorial is perished.

But the LORD sitteth *as king* for ever : 7

He hath prepared his throne for judgement.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, 8

He shall minister judgement to the ⁴people in
 uprightness.

- 9 The LORD also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble ;
- 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee ;
For thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion :
Declare among the ¹ people his doings.
- 12 ² For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them :
He forgetteth not the cry of the ³ poor.
- 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD ;
Behold my affliction *which I suffer* of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death ;
- 14 That I may shew forth all thy praise :
In the gates of the daughter of Zion,
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
- 15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made :
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
- 16 The LORD hath made himself known, he hath executed judgement :
⁴ The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. [Higgaion. Selah
- 17 The wicked shall return to ⁵ Sheol,
Even all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten :
Nor the expectation of the ³ poor perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD ; let not man prevail :
Let the nations be judged in thy sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD :
Let the nations know themselves to be but men.
[Selah

¹ Or, peoples² Or, For when he maketh...he remembereth³ Or, meek⁴ Or, He snareth the wicked⁵ See Gen. xxxvii. 35.

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD ? 1 10

Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble ?

¹ Through the pride of the wicked the poor ² is 2
in sore anguish ;

³ Let them be taken in the devices that they
have imagined.

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, 3

And blesseth ⁴ the covetous, *but* ⁵ contemneth
the LORD.

The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, 4
saith, He will not require.

All his thoughts are, There is no God.

His ways are ⁶ firm at all times ; 5

Thy judgements are far above out of his sight :

As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.

He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved : 6

To all generations I shall not be in adversity.

His mouth is full of cursing and of deceit and 7

⁷ oppression :

Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages : 8

In the covert places doth he murder the innocent :

His eyes are privily set against the ⁸ helpless.

He lurketh in the covert as a lion in his den : 9

He lieth in wait to catch the poor :

He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him
into his net.

⁹ He croucheth, he boweth down, 10

And the ⁸ helpless fall by his strong ones.

He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten : 11

He hideth his face ; he will never see it.

Arise, O LORD ; O God, lift up thine hand : 12

Forget not the ¹⁰ poor.

Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God, 13

And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require it ?

Thou hast seen *it* ; for thou beholdest ¹¹ mischief 14

and spite, ¹² to take it into thy hand :

¹ Or, *In the pride of the wicked he doth persecute the poor*

² Heb. *is set on fire.*

³ Or, *They are taken*

⁴ Or, *the covetous renounceth, yea, contemneth &c.*

⁵ Or, *revileth*

⁶ Or, *grievous*

⁷ Or, *fraud*

⁸ Or, *hapless*

⁹ Another reading is, *And being crushed.*

¹⁰ Or, *meek*

¹¹ Or, *travail and grief*

¹² Or, *to requite it*

- The ¹ helpless committeth himself unto thee ; ¹ Or, *hapless*
 Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.
 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked ;
 And as for the evil man, seek out his wicked-
 ness till thou find none.
 16 The LORD is King for ever and ever :
 The ² nations are perished out of his land. ² Or, *heathen*
 17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the
 meek :
 Thou wilt ³ prepare their heart, thou wilt cause ³ Or, *establish*
 thine ear to hear :
 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
 That man which is of the earth may be terrible
 no more.

11 For the chief Musician. Of David.

- ¹ In the LORD put I my trust :
 How say ye to my soul,
 Flee ⁴ as a bird to your mountain ? ⁴ Or, *ye birds*
 2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
 They make ready their arrow upon the string,
 That they may shoot in darkness at the upright
 in heart.
 3 ⁵ If the foundations be destroyed, ⁵ Or, *For the*
 What can the righteous do ? *foundations*
 4 The LORD is in his holy temple, *are destroyed ;*
 The LORD, his throne is in heaven ; *what hath*
 His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of *the righteous*
 men. *wrought ?*
 5 The LORD trieth the righteous :
 But the wicked and him that loveth violence
 his soul hateth.
 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares ;
 Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be
 the portion of their cup. ⁶ Or, *righteous*
 7 For the LORD is righteous ; he loveth ⁶ right- ⁷ Or, *His*
 eousness : *countenance*
⁷ The upright shall behold his face. *doth behold the*
upright

¹ Or, *the eighth*

For the chief Musician; set to ¹ the Sheminith. 12
A Psalm of David.

² Or, *faithfulness faileth*

Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; 1
For ² the faithful fail from among the children
of men.

They speak vanity every one with his neigh- 2
bour:

With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do
they speak.

The LORD cut off all flattering lips, 3

The tongue that speaketh great things!

Who have said, With our tongue will we pre- 4
vail;

³ Heb. *with us.*

Our lips are ³ our own: who is lord over us?

For the spoiling of the poor, for the sighing of 5
the needy,

Now will I arise, saith the LORD;

I will set him ⁴ in safety at whom they puff.

⁴ Or, *in the safety he panteth for*

The words of the LORD are pure words; 6

As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,

Purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, 7

Thou shalt preserve them from this generation
for ever.

The wicked walk on every side, 8

When vileness is exalted among the sons of
men.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 13

How long, O LORD, wilt thou forget me for 1
ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, 2

Having sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God: 3

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of*
death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against
him;

Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation:

[6] I will sing unto the LORD,

Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14 For the chief Musician. Of David.

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable
works,

There is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the
children of men,

To see if there were any that did understand,
That did seek after God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are together be-
come filthy:

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear:

For God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,

¹ Because the LORD is his refuge.

¹ Or, *But*

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out
of Zion!

When the LORD ²bringeth back the captivity of ²Or,
his people, *returneth to*

Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

15 A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh right-
eousness,

And speaketh truth in his heart.

¹ Or, *He
slandereth*

¹ He that slandereth not with his tongue, 3

Nor doeth evil to his friend,

Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

² Or, *his*

In ² whose eyes a ³ reprobate is despised ; 4

² See Jer. vi.

But he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

³⁰.

⁴ Or, *He
swareth*

⁴ He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth
not.

⁵ Or, *He
putteth*

⁵ He that putteth not out his money to usury, 5

Nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Michtam of David.

16

Preserve me, O God : for in thee do I put my
trust.

⁶ So the
LXX., Vulg.
and Syr. The
Hebrew text
as pointed
reads, *Thou
hast said, O
my soul.*

⁶ I have said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord : 2

⁷ I have no good beyond thee.

⁶ As for the saints that are in the earth, 3

They are the excellent in whom is all my de-
light.

⁷ Or, *Thou
hast no need of
my prosperity ;
it is for the
saints &c.,
even the
excellent &c.*

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give gifts 4
for another *god* :

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,

Nor take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance 5
and of my cup :

Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ; 6

Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me 7
counsel :

Yea, my reins instruct me in the night sea-
sons.

I have set the LORD always before me : 8

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved.

- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth :
 Yea, my flesh shall dwell ¹in safety.
- 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to ²Sheol ;
 Neither wilt thou suffer thine ³holy one to see
⁴corruption.
- 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life :
 In thy presence is fulness of joy ;
⁵At thy right hand there are pleasures for ever-
 more.

¹ Or,
confidently

² See Gen.
 xxxvii. 35.

³ Or, *godly,*
 or, *beloved*

⁴ Or, *the pit*

⁵ Or, *In*

17 A prayer of David.

- 1 Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry ;
 Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of
 feigned lips.
- 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence ;
 Let thine eyes look upon equity.
- 3 Thou hast proved mine heart ; thou hast visited
 me in the night ;
 Thou hast tried me, and ⁶findest nothing ;
 I am purposed that my mouth shall not trans-
 gress.
- 4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
 I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,
 My feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer
 me, O God :
 Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
- 7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou
 that savest by thy right hand them which put
 their trust *in thee*
- ⁷From those that rise up *against them*.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye,
 Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- 9 From the wicked that spoil me,
 My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
- 10 ⁸They are inclosed in their own fat:

⁶ Or, *findest*
no evil purpose
in me ; my
mouth &c.

⁷ Or, *From*
those that rise
up against thy
right hand

⁸ Or, *They*
have shut up
their heart

With their mouth they speak proudly.
 They have now compassed us in our steps: 11
 They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.
 He is like a lion that is greedy of prey, 12
 And as it were a young lion lurking in secret
 places.

Arise, O LORD, 13

¹ Or, *Forestand*

¹ Confront him, cast him down:

² Or, *the wicked which is thy sword*

Deliver my soul from ² the wicked by thy sword;

³ Or, *men which are thy hand*

From ³ men, by thy hand, O LORD, 14

⁴ From men of the world, whose portion is in
this life,

⁴ Or, *From men whose portion in life is of the world*

And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:

⁵ They are satisfied with children,
 And leave the rest of their substance to their
 babes.

⁵ Or, *Their children are satisfied*

As for me, ⁶ I shall behold thy face in righteous- 15
 ness:

I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy
⁶ likeness.

⁶ Heb. *form*.
 See Num.
 xii. 8.

For the chief Musician. Of the servant of the LORD, 18
 of David, who spake unto the LORD
 the words of this song in the day that the
 LORD delivered him from the hand of all his
 enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he
 said,

I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. 1
 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my ²
 deliverer;

My God, my strong rock, in him will I trust;
 My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my
 high tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be ³
 praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The cords of death compassed me, ⁴

⁷ Heb. *Belial*.

And the floods of ⁷ ungodliness made me afraid.

- 5 The cords of ¹Sheol were round about me:
 The snares of death ²came upon me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
 And cried unto my God:
 He heard my voice out of his temple,
 And my cry before him came into his ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled,
 The foundations also of the mountains moved,
 And were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8 There went up a smoke ³out of his nostrils,
 And fire out of his mouth devoured:
 Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
 And thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
 Yea, he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his hidingplace, his pavilion
 round about him;
 Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness before him ⁴his thick clouds
 passed,
 Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
 And the Most High uttered his voice;
 Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
⁵Yea lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.
- 15 Then the channels of waters appeared,
 And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
 At thy rebuke, O LORD,
 At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16 He sent from on high, he took me,
 He drew me out of many waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy;
 And from them which hated me, for they were
 too mighty for me.
- 18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity:
 But the LORD was my stay.

¹ See Gen.
xxxvii. 35.

² Or, *were*
before me

³ Or, *in his*
wrath

⁴ Or, *there*
passed through
his thick cloud
hailstones &c.

⁵ Or, *And he*
shot out
lightnings

He brought me forth also into a large place; 19
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; 20
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of the LORD, 21
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
For all his judgements were before me, 22
And I put not away his statutes from me.
I was also perfect with him, 23
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, 24
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; 25
With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect;
With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; 26
And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself froward.
For thou wilt save the afflicted people; 27
But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.
For thou wilt light my lamp: 28
The LORD my God will lighten my darkness.
For by thee I run upon a troop; 29
And by my God do I leap over a wall.
As for God, his way is perfect: 30
The word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.
For who is God save the LORD? 31
And who is a rock beside our God?
The God that girdeth me with strength, 32
And maketh my way perfect;
He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, 33
And setteth me upon my high places;
He teacheth my hands to war, 34

So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.

- 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:

And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy ¹gentleness hath made me great.

¹ Or,
condescension

- 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my ²feet have not slipped.

² Heb. *ankles*.

- 37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them:
Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.

- 38 I will smite them through that they shall not be
able to rise:

They shall fall under my feet.

- 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the
battle:

Thou hast ³subdued under me those that rose
up against me.

³ Heb. *caused
to bow*.

- 40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their
backs unto me;

That I might cut off them that hate me.

- 41 They cried, but there was none to save:
Even unto the LORD, but he answered them
not.

- 42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before
the wind:

I did ⁴cast them out as the mire of the streets.

⁴ Heb. *empty*.

- 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of
the people;

Thou hast made me the head of the nations:

A people whom I have not known shall serve
me.

- 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me:
The strangers shall ⁵submit themselves unto me.

⁵ Or, *cringe*.
Or, *yield*
feigned obedi-
ence
Heb. tie.

- 45 The strangers shall fade away,
And come trembling out of their close places.

- 46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock;
And exalted be the God of my salvation:

- 47 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
And subdueth peoples under me.

He rescueth me from mine enemies : 48
 Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up
 against me :
 Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, 49
 among the nations,
 And will sing praises unto thy name.
 Great deliverance giveth he to his king ; 50
 And sheweth lovingkindness to his anointed,
 To David and to his seed, for evermore.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 19

The heavens declare the glory of God ; 1
 And the firmament sheweth his handywork.
 Day unto day uttereth speech, 2
 And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
 There is no speech nor language ; 3
 Their voice cannot be heard.
 Their line is gone out through all the earth, 4
 And their words to the end of the world.
 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his 5
 chamber,
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, 6
 And his circuit unto the ends of it :
 And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the 7
 soul :
 The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise
 the simple.
 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing 8
 the heart :
 The commandment of the LORD is pure, en-
 lightening the eyes.
 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for 9
 ever:

¹ Or, *It is not
 speech, neither
 are they words,
 the voice
 whereof &c.*

The judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and ¹the honeycomb.

¹ Heb. *the droppings of the honeycomb.*

- 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned :
In keeping of them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can discern his errors ?

Clear thou me from hidden faults.

- 13 Keep back thy servant also ²from presumptuous ²Or, *from the proud*
sins;

Let them not have dominion over me : then shall I be perfect,

And I shall be clear from great transgression.

- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my rock, and my redeemer.

20 For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD answer thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high ;

- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And ³strengthen thee out of Zion ;

³ Or, *support*

- 3 Remember all thy ⁴offerings,
And ⁵accept thy burnt-sacrifice ;

⁴ Or, *meal-offerings*

- 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,
And fulfil all thy counsel.

⁵ Heb. *turn to ashes, or, make fat.*

- 5 We will triumph in thy ⁶salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners :

⁶ Or, *victory*

The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

- 6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
He will answer him from his holy heaven
With the saving strength of his right hand.

- 7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses :
But we will make mention of the name of the
LORD our God.

They are bowed down and fallen : 8
But we are risen, and stand upright.

¹ Or, as some ancient versions have,
O LORD, save the king ; and answer &c.

¹Save, LORD : 9
Let the king answer us when we call.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 21

The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD ; 1
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
Thou hast given him his heart's desire, 2
And hast not withholden the request of his lips. [Selah

For thou preventest him with the blessings of 3
goodness :

Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him ; 4
Even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation : 5
Honour and majesty dost thou lay upon him.

² Heb. *settest him to be blessings,*
Gen. xii. 2.

For thou ²makest him most blessed for ever : 6
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence..

For the king trusteth in the LORD, 7
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies : 8
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery furnace in the 9
time of thine ³anger.

³ Or, *presence*
Heb. *countenance.*

The LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, 10
And their seed from among the children of men.
For they intended evil against thee : 11

They imagined a device, which they are not able to perform.

For thou shalt make them turn their back, 12
Thou shalt make ready with thy bowstrings
against the face of them.

- 13 Be thou exalted, O LORD, in thy strength :
So will we sing and praise thy power.

22 For the chief Musician ; set to ¹Aiyeleth Ha-Shahar. A Psalm of David. ¹ That is, *The hind of the morning.*

- ¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?
² *Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring ?* ² Or, *Far from my salvation are the words of my roaring*

- ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou answerest not ;
And in the night season, ³ and am not silent. ³ Or, *but find no rest*

- ³ But thou art holy,
O thou that ⁴ inhabitest the praises of Israel. ⁴ Or, *art enthroned upon*

- ⁴ Our fathers trusted in thee :
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

- ⁵ They cried unto thee, and were delivered :
They trusted in thee, and were not ashamed.

- ⁶ But I am a worm, and no man ;
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.

- ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

- ⁸ ⁵ He trusted on the LORD, that he would deliver him : ⁵ Or, *Commit thyself unto the LORD ; let him &c.*
Let him deliver him, seeing he delighteth in him.

- ⁹ But thou art he that took me out of the womb :
Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

- ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb :
Thou art my God from my mother's belly.

- ¹¹ Be not far from me ; for trouble is near ;
For there is none to help.

- ¹² Many bulls have compassed me :
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

- ¹³ They gape upon me with their mouth,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.

- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint :

My heart is like wax ;
 It is melted in the midst of my bowels.
 My strength is dried up like a potsherd ; 15
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;
 And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed me : 16
 The assembly of evil doers have inclosed me ;

¹ So the LXX., Vulg. and Syr. According to other ancient versions, *They bound.* The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *Like a lion.*

¹ They pierced my hands and my feet.
 I may tell all my bones : 17

They look and stare upon me ;
 They part my garments among them, 18

And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
 But be not thou far off, O LORD : 19

O my strength, haste thee to help me.
 Deliver my soul from the sword ; 20

² Heb. *My only one.*

² My darling from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the lion's mouth, 21

Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren : 22
 In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him ; 23
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ;
 And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the 24
 affliction of the afflicted ;

Neither hath he hid his face from him ;
 But when he cried unto him, he heard.

Of thee cometh my praise in the great congre- 25
 gation :

I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 The meek shall eat and be satisfied : 26

They shall praise the LORD that seek after him :
 Let your heart live for ever.

- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn unto the LORD :
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship
before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S :
And he is the governor among the nations.
- 29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and
worship :
All they that go down to the dust shall bow
before him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 A seed shall serve him ;
¹ It shall be told of the Lord unto the *next*
generation.
- 31 They shall come and shall declare his right-
eousness
Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath
done it.

¹ Or, *It shall
be counted
unto the Lord
for his genera-
tion*

23

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :
He leadeth me beside the ²still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul :
He guideth me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies :
Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my
cup runneth over.
- 6 ³ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life :
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD ⁴for
ever.

² Heb. *waters
of rest.*

³ Or, *Only*

⁴ Heb.
*for length
of days.*

A Psalm of David.

24

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; ¹
 The world, and they that dwell therein.
 For he hath founded it upon the seas, ²
 And established it upon the floods.
 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? ³
 Or who shall stand in his holy place?
 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; ⁴
 Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
 And hath not sworn deceitfully.
 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, ⁵
 And righteousness from the God of his sal-
 vation.

This is the generation of them that seek after him, ⁶
 That seek thy face, ¹ O ² God of Jacob. [Selah]

¹ Or, even
Jacob

² So some
 ancient
 versions.

³ Or, *ancient*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; ⁷
 And be ye lift up, ye ³ everlasting doors:
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is the King of glory? ⁸
 The LORD strong and mighty,
 The LORD mighty in battle.
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; ⁹
 Yea, lift them up, ye ³ everlasting doors:
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory? ¹⁰
 The LORD of hosts,
 He is the King of glory. [Selah]

Of David.

25

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. ¹
 O my God, in thee have I trusted, ²
 Let me not be ashamed;
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
 Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed: ³
 They shall be ashamed that deal treacherously
 without cause.

- 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD ;
 Teach me thy paths.
 5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me ;
 For thou art the God of my salvation ;
 On thee do I wait all the day.
 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and
 thy lovingkindnesses ;
 For they have been ever of old.
 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my
 transgressions :
 According to thy lovingkindness remember thou
 me,
 For thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
 8 Good and upright is the LORD :
 Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
 9 The meek will he guide in judgement :
 And the meek will he teach his way.
 10 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness
 and truth
 Unto such as keep his covenant and his tes-
 timonies.
 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD,
 Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
 12 What man is he that feareth the Lord ?
 Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall
 choose.
 13 His soul shall dwell at ease ;
 And his seed shall inherit the land.
 14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear
 him ;
¹ And he will shew them his covenant.
 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD ;
 For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ;
 For I am desolate and afflicted.
 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged :
 Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.
 18 Consider mine affliction and my travail ;

¹ Or, *And his covenant, to make them know it*

And forgive all my sins.
 Consider mine enemies, for they are many ; 19
 And they hate me with cruel hatred.
 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me : 20
 Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.
 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, 21
 For I wait on thee.
 Redeem Israel, O God, 22
 Out of all his troubles.

Of David.

26

Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity :

¹ Or, *I shall not slide*

I have trusted also in the LORD ¹ without wavering.

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me ; 2

Try my reins and my heart.

For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes : 3

And I have walked in thy truth.

I have not sat with vain persons, 4

Neither will I go in with dissemblers.

I hate the congregation of evil doers ; 5

And will not sit with the wicked.

I will wash mine hands in innocence ! 6

So will I compass thine altar, O LORD :

² Or, *publish with the voice of thanksgiving*

That I may ² make the voice of thanksgiving to 7
 be heard,

And tell of all thy wondrous works.

LORD, I love the habitation of thy house, 8

And the place ³ where thy glory dwelleth.

³ Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy glory.*

⁴ Gather not my soul with sinners, 9

⁴ Or, *Take not away*

Nor my life with men of blood :

In whose hands is mischief, 10

And their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity : 11

Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth in an even place : 12

In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

27

Of David.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom
shall I fear ?

The LORD is the strength of my life ; of whom
shall I be afraid ?

² When evil doers came upon me to eat up my
flesh,

Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stum-
bled and fell.

³ Though an host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear :

Though war should rise against me,

¹ Even then will I be confident.

¹ Or, *In this*

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will
I seek after ;

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days of my life,

To behold ² the beauty of the LORD, and to ² Or, *the*
³ inquire in his temple. *pleasantness*

⁵ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me
secretly in his pavilion :

³ Or, *seek*

In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me ;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.

⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above
mine enemies round about me ;

And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of
⁴ joy ;

⁴ Or, *shouting*
Or, *trumpet-*
sound

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the
LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice :
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ My heart hath said unto thee, *who saidst*,
Seek ye my face ;

Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

⁹ Hide not thy face from me ;

Put not thy servant away in anger :

Thou hast been my help ;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of
my salvation.

¹ Or, *Though
my father and
my mother
forsake me,
the LORD &c.*

¹ For my father and my mother have forsaken ¹⁰
me,

But the LORD ² will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD ; ¹¹

² Heb. *will
gather me.*

And lead me in a plain path,

Because of ³ mine enemies.

³ Or, *those
which lie in
wait for me*

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine ¹²
adversaries:

For false witnesses are risen up against me, and
such as breathe out cruelty.

Oh had I not believed to see the goodness ¹³
of the LORD

In the land of the living—

Wait on the LORD :

¹⁴

Be strong, and let thine heart take courage ;

Yea wait thou on the LORD.

Of David.

28

Unto thee, O LORD, will I call ; ¹

My rock, be not thou deaf unto me :

Lest, if thou keep silence ~~from~~ me,

I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry ²
unto thee,

⁴ Or, *toward
the innermost
place of thy
sanctuary*

When I lift up my hands ⁴ toward thy holy
oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, ³

And with the workers of iniquity ;

Which speak peace with their neighbours,

But mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their work, and accord- ⁴
ing to the wickedness of their doings :

Give them after the operation of their hands ;

Render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, ⁵

Nor the operation of his hands,
He shall break them down and not build them
up.

- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because he hath heard the voice of my sup-
plications.
7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.
8 The LORD is their strength,
And he is a stronghold of salvation to his
anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also and bear them up for ever.

29

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Give unto the LORD, O ye ¹sons of the ²mighty,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
Worship the LORD ³in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth;
The LORD is upon ⁴many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars;
Yea, the LORD breaketh in pieces the cedars of
Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Shirion like a young wild-ox.
7 The voice of the LORD ⁵cleaveth the flames of
fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;
The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to
calve,

¹ Or, *sons of God*² Or, *gods*
See Ex. xv.
11.³ Or, *in holy array*⁴ Or, *great*⁵ Or, *heaveth out flames of fire*

And strippeth the forests bare :
 And in his temple everything saith, Glory.
 The LORD sat *as king* at the Flood ; 10
 Yea, the LORD *sitteth* King for ever.
 The LORD will give strength unto his people ; 11
 The LORD will bless his people with peace.

A Psalm ; a Song at the dedication of the 30
 house ; of David.

¹ Or, *drawn* I will extol thee, O LORD ; for thou hast ¹raised me up,
 And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
 O LORD my God, 2
 I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from ³Sheol :
 Thou hast kept me alive, ³from them that go down to the pit.
 Sing praise unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, 4
 And give thanks ⁴for a remembrance of his holiness.
 For his anger is but for a moment : 5
⁵In his favour is life :
 Weeping ⁶may tarry for the night,
 But joy *cometh* in the morning.
 As for me, I said in my prosperity, 6
 I shall never be moved.
 Thou, LORD, of thy favour hadst made my ⁷mountain to stand strong :
 Thou didst hide thy face ; I was troubled.
 I cried to thee, O LORD ; 8
 And unto the LORD I made supplication,
 What profit is there in my blood, when I go ⁹down to the pit ?
 Shall the dust praise thee ? shall it declare thy truth ?
 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me : 10
 LORD, be thou my helper.

² See Gen. xxxvii. 35.

³ Another reading is, *that I should not go down to the pit.*

⁴ Or, *to his holy name (Heb. memorial)*

See Ex. iii. 15.

⁵ Or, *His favour is for a lifetime*

⁶ Heb. *may come in to lodge at even.*

- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

31 For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:
Be thou to me a strong rock, an house of ¹de- ¹ Heb. fortresses.
fence to save me.
3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;
For thou art my stronghold.
5 Into thine hand I commend my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.
6 I hate them that regard lying vanities:
But I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
For thou hast seen my affliction;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities:
8 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in distress:
Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yea*, my soul and my body.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years 10
with sighing :

My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,
and my bones are wasted away.

Because of all mine adversaries I am become a 11
reproach,

Yea unto my neighbours exceedingly, and a
fear to mine acquaintance :

They that did see me without fled from me.

I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind : 12

I am like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the defaming of many ; 13

Terror on every side :

While they took counsel together against me,

They devised to take away my life.

But, I trusted in thee, O LORD : 14

I said, Thou art my God.

My times are in thy hand : 15

Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and
from them that persecute me.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant : 16

Save me in thy lovingkindness.

Let me not be ashamed, O LORD ; for I have 17
called upon thee :

Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent
in Sheol.

Let the lying lips be dumb ; 18

Which speak against the righteous insolently,

With pride and contempt.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast 19
laid up for them that fear thee ;

Which thou hast wrought for them that put their
trust in thee, before the sons of men !

In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide 20
them from the plottings of man :

Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from
the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the LORD : 21

For he hath shewed me his marvellous loving-kindness in a strong city.

- 22 As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes:

Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

- 23 Oh love the LORD, all ye his saints:
The LORD preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that ¹hope in the LORD.

¹ Or,
wait for

32

Of David. Maschil.

- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.

- 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long.

- 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
My moisture was changed ²as with the droughts ² Or, into
of summer. [Selah

- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid:

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD;

And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Selah

- 6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee ³in a time when thou mayest be found: ³ Or, in the
Surely when the great waters overflow time of finding
out

They shall not reach unto him.

- 7 Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;

Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance. [Selah

- 8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:

I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which 9
have no understanding:

Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold
them in,

¹ Or, *That
they come not
near*

¹ Else they will not come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: 10

But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall
compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: 11

And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in
heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: 1 33

Praise is comely for the upright.

Give thanks unto the LORD with harp: 2

Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten
strings.

Sing unto him a new song; 3

Play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right; 4

And all his work is *done* in faithfulness.

He loveth righteousness and judgement: 5

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the
LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; 6

And all the host of them by the breath of his
mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as 7
an heap:

He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: 8

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe
of him.

For he spake and it was done; 9

He commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD hath brought the counsel of the 10
nations to nought:

He hath made the thoughts of the peoples to be of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth;

15 He that fashioneth their hearts alike;
That considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by ¹the multitude of an ¹ Or, a great
host: power

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great power.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that
fear him,

Upon them that ²hope in his mercy;

² Or, wait for

19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul hath waited for the LORD:
He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we ²have hoped in thee.

34 Of David; when he ³changed his behaviour be- ³ Or, feigned
fore Abimelech, who drove him away, and he madness
departed.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 Oh magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me, 4
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were lightened: 5
Let not their faces be confounded.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, 6
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encampeth round about 7
them that fear him,
And delivereth them.
Oh taste and see that the LORD is good: 8
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
Oh fear the LORD, ye his saints: 9
For there is no want to them that fear him.
The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: 10
But they that seek the LORD shall not want any
good thing.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me: 11
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is he that desireth life, 12
And loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
Keep thy tongue from evil, 13
And thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good; 14
Seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, 15
And his ears are *open* unto their cry.
The face of the LORD is against them that do 16
evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the
earth.
The righteous cried, and the LORD heard, 17
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken 18
heart;
And he saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous: 19
But the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

- 20 He keepeth all his bones :
Not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked :
And they that hate the righteous shall be ¹con- ¹Or, *held*
demned. *guilty*
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants :
And none of them that trust in him shall be
¹condemned.

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Of David.

- 1 Strive thou, O LORD, with them that strive with
me :
Fight thou against them that fight against me.
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.
- 3 Draw out also the spear, ²and stop the way ²Or, *and the*
against them that pursue me : *battle axe*
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. *against &c.*
- 4 Let them be ashamed and brought to dishonour
that seek after my soul :
Let them be turned back and confounded that
devise my hurt.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.
- 6 Let their way be ³dark and slippery,
And the angel of the LORD pursuing them. ³Heb. *dark-*
ness and
- 7 For without cause have they hid for me ⁴their ⁴Or, *the pit*
net *in* a pit, *of their net*
Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares ;
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself :
⁵With destruction let him fall therein. ⁵Or, *Into*
that very
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD :
It shall rejoice in his salvation. *destruction*
let him fall
- 10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto
thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is too
strong for him,

Yea, the poor and the needy from him that
spoileth him?

¹ Or,
Malicious
See Ex. xxiii. 1.

¹ Unrighteous witnesses rise up; 11

They ask me of things that I know not. 12

They reward me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing 13
was sackcloth :

I afflicted my soul with fasting ;
And my prayer shall return into mine own
bosom.

I behaved myself as though it had been my 14
friend or my brother :

I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth
his mother.

But when I halted they rejoiced, and gathered 15
themselves together :

² Or, *smiters*

The ² objects gathered themselves together
against me, and ³ I knew *it* not ;

³ Or, *those*
whom I knew
not

They did tear me, and ceased not :

⁴ Like the profane mockers in feasts, 16

They gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Lord, how long wilt thou look on ? 17

Rescue my soul from their destructions,

⁴ Heb. *My*
only one.

⁴ My darling from the lions.

I will give thee thanks in the great congrega- 18
tion :

⁵ Or, *much*

I will praise thee among ⁵ a mighty people.

⁶ Heb. *falsely.*

Let not them that are mine enemies ⁶ wrongfully 19
rejoice over me :

Neither let them wink with the eye that hate
me without a cause.

For they speak not peace : 20

But they devise deceitful matters against them
that are quiet in the land.

Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me ; 21

They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Thou hast seen it, O LORD ; keep not silence : 22

O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgement,
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy
righteousness;

And let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their heart, ¹Aha, so would we have it: ¹ Heb. *Aha, our desire.*

Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
that rejoice at mine hurt:

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour
that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that ²favour my righteous cause: ² Heb. *have pleasure in my righteousness.*

Yea, let them say continually, The LORD be
magnified,

Which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his
servant.

28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness,
And of thy praise all the day long.

36 For the chief Musician. Of the servant of the
LORD, of David.

1 ³The transgression of the wicked saith within
⁴my heart, ³ Or, *Transgression saith to the wicked*

There is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For ⁵he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
For his iniquity ~~to~~ be found out ~~to~~ be hated.

3 The words of his mouth are ⁶iniquity and de-
ceit: ⁵ Or, *it flattereth him*

He hath left off ⁷to be wise and to do good. ⁶ Or, *vanity*

4 He deviseth ⁶iniquity upon his bed;

He setteth himself in a way that is not good;

He abhorreth not evil. ⁷ Or, *to be wise to do good*

5 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens;
Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the skies.

Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; 6
 Thy judgements are a great deep :
 O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God! 7
 And the children of men take refuge under the
 shadow of thy wings.
 They shall be ¹abundantly satisfied with the 8
 fatness of thy house ;
 And thou shalt make them drink of the river of
 thy pleasures.
 For with thee is the fountain of life : 9
 In thy light shall we see light.
 Oh continue thy lovingkindness unto them that 10
 know thee ;
 And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
 Let not the foot of pride come against me, 11
 And let not the hand of the wicked drive me
 away.
 There are the workers of iniquity fallen : 12
 They are thrust down, and shall not be able to
 rise.

¹ Heb.
watered.

Of David.

37

Fret not thyself because of evil doers, 1
 Neither be thou envious against them that work
 unrighteousness.
 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, 2
 And wither as the green herb.
 Trust in the LORD, and do good ; 3
 Dwell in the land, and ²verily thou shalt be fed.
³Delight thyself also in the LORD ; 4
 And he shall give thee the ⁴desires of thine
 heart.
⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD ; 5
 Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
 And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth 6
 as the light,
 And thy judgement as the noonday.

² Or, *feed on
 faithfulness,
 or, in security*

³ Or, *So shalt
 thou have thy
 delight in, &c.*

⁴ Heb.
petitions.

⁵ Heb. *Roll
 thy way upon
 the LORD.*

- 7 ¹ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him :
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth
 in his way,
 Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices
 to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath :
 Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.
- 9 For evil doers shall be cut off :
 But those that wait upon the LORD, they shall
 inherit ² the land.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not
 be :
 Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and
³ it shall not be,
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land ;
 And shall delight themselves in the abundance
 of peace.
- 12 The wicked plotteth against the just,
 And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 13 The LORD shall laugh at him :
 For he seeth that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have
 bent their bow ;
 To cast down the poor and needy,
 To slay such as be upright in the way :
- 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
 And their bows shall be broken.
- 16 Better is a little that the righteous hath
 Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken :
 But the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the perfect :
 And their inheritance shall be for ever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil :
 And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 But the wicked shall perish,
 And the enemies of the LORD shall be as ⁴ the
 fat of lambs :

¹ Or, *Be still
before* (11eb.
silent to) the
LORD

² Or, *the earth* ;
and so in vv.
11, 22, 29, 34.

³ Or, *he*

⁴ Or, *the
excellency of
the pastures*

¹ Or, *like
smoke*

They shall consume ; ¹in smoke shall they consume away.

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again : 21

But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the land ; 22

And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

A man's goings are established of the LORD : 23

And he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down : 24

² Or, *uphold-
eth his hand*

For the LORD ²upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old ; 25

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his seed begging bread.

All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth ; 26

And his seed is blessed.

Depart from evil, and do good ; 27

And dwell for evermore.

For the LORD loveth judgement, 28

And forsaketh not his saints ;

They are preserved for ever :

But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land, 29

And dwell therein for ever.

The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom, 30

And his tongue speaketh judgement.

The law of his God is in his heart ; 31

None of his steps shall slide.

The wicked watcheth the righteous, 32

And seeketh to slay him.

The LORD will not leave him in his hand, 33

Nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, 34

And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land :

When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked in great power, 35

And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

36 ¹But ²one passed by, and, lo, he was not :

Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright :
For ³the latter end of *that* man is peace.

38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together :

The ⁴latter end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the

LORD :

He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD helpeth them, and rescueth them :

He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,

Because they have taken refuge in him.

38 A Psalm of David, ⁵to bring to remembrance.

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath :

Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows ⁶stick fast in me,

And thy hand ⁶presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation ;

Neither is there any ⁷health in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head :

As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt,

Because of my foolishness.

6 I writhe and am bowed down greatly ;

I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with burning :

And there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am faint and sore bruised :

I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

¹ Or, *Yet he passed away*

² Or, according to some ancient versions, *I passed by*

³ Or, *there is a latter end (or, future, or, posterity) to the man of peace*

⁴ Or, *future, or, posterity*

⁵ Or, *to make memorial*

⁶ Heb. *lighted on me.*

⁷ Or, *rest*
Heb. *peace.*

Lord, all my desire is before thee ; 9
 And my groaning is not hid from thee. 10
 My heart throbbeeth, my strength faileth me :
 As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone
 from me.
 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my 11
 plague ;
 And my kinsmen stand afar off.
 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for* 12
me :
 And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous
 things,
 And imagine deceits all the day long.
 But I, as a deaf man, hear not ; 13
 And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his
 mouth.
 Yea, I am as a man that heareth not, 14
 And in whose mouth are no ¹ reproofs.
 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope : 15
 Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me : 16
 When my foot slippeth, they magnify them-
 selves against me.
 For I am ready to halt, 17
 And my sorrow is continually before me.
 For I will declare mine iniquity ; 18
 I will be sorry for my sin.
 But mine enemies are lively, and are strong : 19
 And they that hate me wrongfully are mul-
 tiplied.
 They also that render evil for good are mine 20
 adversaries ; because I follow the thing that
 is good.
 Forsake me not, O LORD : 21
 O my God, be not far from me.
 Haste thee to help me, 22
 O Lord my salvation.

¹ Or,
arguments

39 For the chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I said, I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep ¹ my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.
- 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace,
² even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.
- 3 My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire kindled:
Then spake I with my tongue:
- 4 LORD, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
Let me know how frail I am.
- 5 Behold, thou hast made my days as hand-
breadths;
And mine age is as nothing before thee:
Surely every man at his best estate is altogether
vanity. [Selah]
- 6 Surely every man walketh ³ in ⁴ a vain shew:
Surely they are disquieted ⁵ in vain:
He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who
shall gather them.
- 7 And now, Lord, what wait I for?
My hope is in thee.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
Because thou didst it.
- 10 Remove thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the ⁶ blow of thine hand.
- 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for
iniquity,
Thou ⁷ makest his beauty to consume away like
a moth:
Surely every man is vanity. [Selah]

¹ Heb. *a*
bridle (or,
muzzle) *for*
my mouth.

² Or, *and had*
no comfort
Heb. *away*
from good.

³ Or, *as a*
shadow

⁴ Heb. *an*
image.

⁵ Or, *for*
vanity

⁶ Heb.
conflict.

⁷ Or, *consumest*
like a moth his
delights

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto ¹²
my cry ;

Hold not thy peace at my tears :

For I am a stranger with thee ;

A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹ Or, *Look
away from me*

¹ Oh spare me, that I may ² recover strength, ¹³
Before I go hence, and be no more.

² Heb.
brighten up.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David. **40**

I waited patiently for the LORD ; ¹

And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

³ Heb. *a pit
of tumult, or,
destruction.*

He brought me up also out of ³ an horrible pit, ²
out of the miry clay ;

And he set my feet upon a rock and established
my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, ³
even praise unto our God :

Many shall see it, and fear,

And shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his ⁴
trust,

⁴ Or, *fall away
treacherously*

And respecteth not the proud, nor such as ⁴ turn
aside to lies.

Many, O LORD, my God, are the wonderful ⁵
works which thou hast done,

And thy thoughts which are to us-ward :

⁵ Or, *There is
none to be com-
pared unto
thee*

⁵ They cannot be set in order unto thee ;

If I would declare and speak of them ;

They are more than can be numbered.

⁶ Or, *meal-
offering*

Sacrifice and ⁶ offering thou ~~didst not~~ delight ⁶
in ;

⁷ Heb. *Ears
hast thou
dugged (or
pierced) for
me.*

⁷ Mine ears hast thou opened :

Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not
required.

Then said I, Lo, I am come ; ⁷

⁸ Or,
prescribed to

In the roll of the book it is ⁸ written of me ;

I delight to do thy will, O my God ; ⁸

Yea, thy law is within my heart.

- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation;
Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
O LORD, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:
I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 ¹ Withhold not thou, O LORD, thy tender mercies ¹ Or, *Refrain*
from me:
Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils compassed me about,
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head, and my heart hath ² failed me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O LORD. ² Heb. *forsaken.*
- 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
That seek after my soul to destroy it;
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.
- 15 Let them be ³ desolate ⁴ for a reward of their ³ Or, *astonished*
shame ⁴ Or, *by reason of their shame*
That say unto me, Aha, Aha.
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
The LORD be magnified.
- 17 But I am poor and needy;
⁵ Yet the Lord thinketh upon me: ⁵ Or, *The Lord think upon me*
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David. 41

- ¹ Or, *the weak, or, sick* Blessed is he that considereth ¹ the poor : 1
The LORD will deliver him in the day of evil.
- ² Or, *The LORD preserve* ² The LORD will preserve him, and keep him 2
alive ; that he may be blessed ³ upon earth :
- ³ Or, *in the land* And deliver not thou him unto the will of his
enemies.
- ⁴ Or, *The LORD support* ⁴ The LORD will support him upon the couch of 3
languishing :
- ⁵ Heb. *turnest, or, changest.* Thou ⁵ makest all his bed in his sickness.
I said, O LORD, have mercy upon me : 4
Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee.
- Mine enemies speak evil against me, 5
When shall he die, and his name perish ?
- ⁶ Or, *falschood* And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh ⁶ vanity : 6
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself ;
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
- All that hate me whisper together against me : 7
Against me do they devise ⁷ my hurt.
- ⁸ Heb. *evil to me.* ⁸ An evil disease, *say they*, ⁹ cleaveth fast unto 8
him :
- ⁹ Or, *Some ungodly thing* And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
⁹ Or, *is poured out upon him, or, within him* Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I 9
trusted, which did eat of my bread,
- ¹⁰ Or, *magnified himself against me with the heel* Hath ¹⁰ lifted up his heel against me.
But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon me, and 10
raise me up,
- That I may requite them.
By this I know that thou delightest in me, 11
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
- And as for me, 'thou upholdest me in mine 12
integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 13
From everlasting and to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.

BOOK II.

42 For the chief Musician; Maschil, of the sons of Korah.

¹ As the hart ¹panteth after the water brooks,
So ¹panteth my soul after thee, O God.

¹ Or, crieth

² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where
is thy God?

⁴ These things I remember, and pour out my
soul ²within me,

² Heb. upon.

How I went with the throng, and ³led them to
the house of God,

³ Or, went in
procession with
them

With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude
keeping holyday.

⁵ Why art thou ⁴cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?

⁴ Heb.
bowed down.

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him

⁵ For the health of his countenance.

⁵ According
to some
ancient
authorities,
Who is the
health of my
countenance
and my God.
My soul &c.

⁶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of
Jordan,

And the Hermons, from ⁶the hill Mizar.

⁷ Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy
⁷waterspouts:

⁶ Or, the little
mountain

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

⁷ Or,
cataracts

⁸ Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness
in the daytime,

And in the night his song shall be with me,
 Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou
 forgotten me?

¹ Or, while
 the enemy
 oppresseth

² Or,
 slaughter
 Or, crushing

Why go I mourning ¹ because of the oppression
 of the enemy?
 As with ² a sword in my bones, mine adver- 10
 saries reproach me;
 While they say daily unto me, Where is thy
 God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? 11
 And why art thou disquieted within me?
 Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
 Who is the health of my countenance, and my
 God.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against 43
 an ungodly nation:
 O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust
 man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why ²
 hast thou cast me off?

³ Or, while
 the enemy
 oppresseth

Why go I mourning ³ because of the oppression
 of the enemy?

Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them 3
 lead me;

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,
 And to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, 4
 Unto God ⁴ my exceeding joy:

⁴ Heb. the
 gladness of
 my joy.

And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God
 my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? 5
 And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise
 him,

Who is the health of my countenance, and my
 God.

44 For the chief Musician; of the sons of Korah,
Maschil.

1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
Our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days,
In the days of old.

2 Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand,
and plantedst them in;

Thou didst afflict the peoples, and ¹cast them ¹Or, *spread*
forth. *them abroad.*

3 For they gat not the land in possession by their
own sword,

Neither did their own arm save them:

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light
of thy countenance,

Because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou, even thou, art my King, O God:

Command the salvation of Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries:
Through thy name will we tread them under
that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow,

Neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,

And hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God have we made our boast all the day
long,

And we will give thanks unto thy name for
ever. [Selah]

9 But now thou hast cast off, and brought us to
dishonour;

And goest not forth with our hosts.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat;
And hast scattered us among the nations.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.

Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, 13
A scorn and a derision to them that are round
about us.

Thou makest us a byword among the nations, 14
A shaking of the head among the peoples.

All the day long is my dishonour before me, 15
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
For the voice of him that reproacheth and blas- 16
phemeth;

By reason of the enemy and the revenger.
All this is come upon us; yet have we not for- 17
gotten thee,

Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
Our heart is not turned back, 18

Neither have our steps declined from thy way;
¹ That thou hast sore broken us in the place of 19

¹ Or, *Though*

² Or, *jackals*

² dragons,

And covered us with the shadow of death.
If we have forgotten the name of our God, 20
Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;
Shall not God search this out? 21

For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; 22
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? 23

Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24

And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

For our soul is bowed down to the dust: 25

Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

Rise up for our help, 26

And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

³ That is,
Lilies.

For the chief Musician; set to ³Shoshannim; of 45
the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.

My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter: 1

⁴ Or, *I speak;*
my work is for
a king

⁴ I speak the things which I have made touching
the king:

- My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men ;
Grace is poured ¹ into thy lips : ¹ Or, upon
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.
- 4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,
² Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness: ² Or, In behalf of
And ³ thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. ³ Or, let thy right hand teach
- 5 Thine arrows are sharp ;
The people fall under thee ;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.
- 6 ⁴ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever : ⁴ Or, Thy throne, the throne of God, is &c.
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness :
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 8 All thy garments ~~are~~ myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia ;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear ;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ;
- 11 So shall the king desire thy beauty :
For he is thy Lord ; and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift ;
Even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

the palace
The king's daughter within her chamber is all 13
glorious:

Her clothing is of wrought gold.

¹ Or, upon

She shall be led unto the king ¹in broidered 14
work:

The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led: 15

They shall enter into the king's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, 16

Whom thou shalt make princes in all the
earth.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all 17
generations:

Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for
ever and ever.

For the chief Musician; of the sons of Korah; 46
set to Alamothe; A Song.

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do 2
change,

And though the mountains be moved in the
heart of the seas;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, 3

² Or, pride

Though the mountains shake with the ²swelling
thereof. [Selah

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad 4
the city of God,

The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most
High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be 5
moved:

³ Heb, at the
dawn of morn-
ing.

God shall help her, ³and that right early.

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved: 6

He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us ;
 The God of Jacob is our ¹refuge. [Selah ¹ Or, *high tower*
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
²What desolations he hath made in the earth. ² Or, *Who hath made desolations &c.*
- 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ;
 He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder ;
 He burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 10 ³Be still, and know that I am God : ³ Or, *Let be*
 I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us ;
 The God of Jacob is our ¹refuge. [Selah

47 For the chief Musician; of the sons of Korah.
 A Psalm.

- 1 Oh clap your hands, all ye peoples ;
 Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- 2 For ⁴the LORD Most High is terrible ;
 He is a great King over all the earth. ⁴ Or, *the LORD is most high and terrible*
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us,
 And the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us,
 The excellency of Jacob whom he loved. [Selah
- 5 God is gone up with a shout,
 The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises :
 Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth :
 Sing ye praises ⁵with understanding. ⁵ Or, *in a skilful psalm*
 Heb. *Masehil*.
- 8 God reigneth over the nations :
 God sitteth upon his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together
⁶To be the people of the God of Abraham : ⁶ Or, *Unto the people*
 For the shields of the earth belong unto God ;
 He is greatly exalted.

A Song, A Psalm; of the sons of Korah. 48

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, 1
 In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole 2
 earth,

Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north,
 The city of the great King.
 God in her palaces hath made himself known 3
 for a ¹refuge.

¹ Or, *high tower*

For, lo, the kings assembled themselves, 4
 They ²passed by together.

² Or, *passed away*

They saw it, so they were amazed; 5

³ Or, *were stricken with terror*

They were dismayed, they ³hasted away. 6
 Trembling took hold of them there;
 Pain, as of a woman in travail.

⁴ Or, *As with the east wind that breaketh*

⁴With the east wind 7

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish. 8

As we have heard, so have we seen 8

In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of
 our God :

God will establish it for ever. [Selah

We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O 9-
 God,

In the midst of thy temple.

As is thy name, O God, 10

So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :

Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, 11

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,

Because of thy judgements.

⁵ Or, *Trace out*

Walk about Zion, and go round about her : 12

Tell the towers thereof.

⁶ Or, *according to some ancient authorities,*

Mark ye well her bulwarks, 13

⁵Consider her palaces ;

That ye may tell it to the generation following.

or, in youth
⁶ Or, *Al-mulh,*
 see title of
 Ps. ix.

For this God is our God for ever and ever : 14

He will be our guide ⁶unto death.

49 For the chief Musician; of the sons of Korah.
A Psalm.

- 1 Hear this, all ye peoples;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?
6 ¹They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him:
8 (For the redemption of their soul is *precious*,
And must be let alone for ever:)
9 That he should still live always,
That he should not see ²corruption.
10 ³For he seeth that wise men die,
The fool and the brutish together perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 ⁴Their inward thought is, that their houses *shall continue* for ever,
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They call their lands after their own names.
12 But man being in honour abideth not:
He is like the beasts that perish.
13 ⁵This their way is ⁶their folly:
Yet after them men approve their sayings. [Selah]
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol;

¹ Or, *Even of them that ...riches*

² Or, *the pit*

³ Or, *For he shall see it: wise men &c.*

⁴ Some ancient versions read, *Their graves are their houses for ever.*

⁵ Or, *This is the way of them that are foolish*

⁶ Or, *their confidence: and after &c.*

Death shall be their shepherd ;
And the upright shall have dominion over them
in the morning ;

¹ Or, *form*

And their ¹beauty shall be for 'Sheol to consume,
that there be no habitation for it.

But God will redeem my soul from the power ¹⁵
of the grave :

For he shall receive me. [Selah

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, ¹⁶

When the glory of his house is increased ;

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away : ¹⁷

His glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lived he blessed his soul, ¹⁸

And men praise thee, when thou doest well to
thyself,

² Heb. *Thou shalt go, or, It shall go.*

² He shall go to the generation of his fathers ; ¹⁹

³ They shall never see the light.

³ Or, *Which never more see*

Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, ²⁰

Is like the beasts that perish.

A Psalm of Asaph.

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⁴ Or, *The God of gods*
Heb.
Ely Elohim.

⁴ God, even God, the LORD, hath spoken, ¹

And called the earth from the rising of the sun
unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, ²

God hath shined forth.

Our God shall come, and will not keep silence : ³

A fire shall devour before him,

And it shall be very tempestuous round about
him.

He shall call to the heavens above, ⁴

And to the earth, that he may judge his people :

Gather my saints together unto me ; ⁵

Those that have made a covenant with me by
sacrifice.

And the heavens shall declare his righteous- ⁶
ness :

For God is judge himself.

[Selah

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
O Israel, and I will testify ¹against thee :
I am God, even thy God.
- 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices ;
²And thy burnt-offerings are continually before
me.
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle ³upon a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains :
And the wild beasts of the field are ⁴mine.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee :
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats ?
- 14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High :
- 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble :
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
- 16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
Or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy
mouth ?
- 17 Seeing thou hatest ⁵instruction,
And castest my words behind thee.
- 18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with
him,
And ⁶hast been partaker with adulterers.
- 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.
- 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother ;
Thou ⁷slanderest thine own mother's son.
- 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept si-
lence ;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an
one as thyself :

¹ Or, unto

² Or, Or for
thy burnt-
offerings which
are &c.

³ Or, upon the
mountains by
thousands

⁴ Or, in my
mind
Heb. with
me.

⁵ Or,
correction

⁶ Heb. thy
portion was
with adul-
terers.

⁷ Or, puttest
a stumbling-
block in the
way of

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I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before
thine eyes.

Now consider this, ye that forget God, 22
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to
deliver.

Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving 23
glorifieth me :

¹ Or, And
prepareth a
way that I
may shew
him

¹ And to him that ordereth his ² conversation
aright

Will I shew the salvation of God.

² Heb. way.

For the chief Musician ; A Psalm of David : 51
when Nathan the prophet came unto him,
after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy
lovingkindness :

According unto the multitude of thy tender
mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, 2
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions : 3
And my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, 4
And done that which is evil in thy sight :

That thou mightest be justified when thou
speakest,

And be clear when thou judgest.
Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ; 5

And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts : 6

And in the hidden, part thou shalt make me to
know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : 7
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness ; 8
That the bones which thou hast broken may
rejoice.

- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,
 And blot out all mine iniquities.
 10 Create ¹in me a clean heart, O God;
 And renew a ²right spirit within me. ¹ Or, *for me*
² Or, *steadfast*
 11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
 And take not thy holy spirit from me.
 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:
 And uphold me with a ³free spirit. ³ Or, *noble*,
or, *willing*
 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
 And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou
 God of my salvation:
 And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy right-
 eousness.
 15 O Lord, open thou my lips;
 And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
 16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice; ⁴else would ⁴ Or, *that*
I should
give it
 I give it:
 Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering.
 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
 A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt
 not despise.
 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:
 Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
 19 Then shalt thou delight in the sacrifices of
 righteousness, in burnt-offering and whole
 burnt-offering:
 Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.
- 52 For the chief Musician; Maschil of David:
 when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul,
 and said unto him, David is come to the
 house of Ahimelech.
- 1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty
 man?
 The mercy of God *endureth* continually.
 2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness;
 Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

Thou lovest evil more than good ; 3
 And lying rather than to speak righteousness. [Selah

Thou lovest all devouring words, 4

¹ Or, And
 the deceitful
 tongue
² Or, break
 thee down

¹ O thou deceitful tongue.

God shall likewise ² destroy thee for ever, 5

He shall take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,

And root thee out of the land of the living. [Selah
 The righteous also shall see *it*, and fear, 6

And shall laugh at him :

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength ; 7

But trusted in the abundance of his riches,

And strengthened himself in his wickedness.

But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God : 8

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast done it : 9

And I will wait on thy name, for it is good, in the presence of thy saints.

For the chief Musician ; set to Mahalath. Mas- 53
 chil of David.

³ See Ps. xiv. ³ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity :

There is none that doeth good.

God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, 2

To see if there were any that did understand,

That did seek after God.

Every one of them is gone back : they are together become filthy ; 3

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge ? 4

Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon God.

- 5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was:
For God hath scattered the bones of him that
encampeth against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame, because God
hath rejected them.

- 6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of
Zion!

When God ¹bringeth back the captivity of his
people,

Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

- 54 For the chief Musician; on stringed instruments.
Maschil of David: when the Ziphites came
and said to Saul, Doth not David hide him-
self with us?

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.

- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

- 3 For ²strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul:
They have not set God before them. [Selah

² See Ps.
lxxxvi. 14.

- 4 Behold, God is mine helper:
The Lord is of them that uphold my soul.

- 5 ³He shall requite the evil unto ⁴mine enemies:
Cut thou them off in thy truth.

³ Another
reading is, *The
evil shall
return.*

- 6 With a freewill-offering will I sacrifice unto thee:
I will give thanks unto thy name, O LORD; for
it is good.

⁴ Or, *those
that lie in
wait for me*

- 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble:
And mine eye hath seen *my desire* upon mine
enemies.

- 55 For the chief Musician; on stringed instruments.
Maschil of David.

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and answer me : 2
 I am restless in my complaint, and moan ;
 Because of the voice of the enemy, 3
 Because of the oppression of the wicked :
 For they cast iniquity upon me,
 And in anger they persecute me.
 My heart is sore pained within me : 4
 And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, 5
 And horror hath overwhelmed me.
 And I said, Oh that I had ¹wings like a dove ! 6
 Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
 Lo, then would I wander far off, 7
 I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah
 I would ²haste me to a shelter 8
 From the stormy wind and tempest.
³Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongue : 9
 For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
 Day and night they go about it upon the walls 10
 thereof :
 Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
 Wickedness is in the midst thereof : 11
 Oppression and guile depart not from her
 streets.
 For it was not an enemy that reproached me ; 12
 Then I could have borne it :
 Neither was it he that hated me that did mag-
 nify himself against me ;
 Then I would have hid myself from him :
 But it was thou, a man mine equal, 13
 My ⁴guide, and my familiar friend.
 We took sweet counsel together, 14
 We walked in the house of God with the
 throng.
⁵Let death come suddenly upon them, 15
 Let them go down alive into ⁶the pit :
 For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst
 of them.

¹ Or, *pinions*² Or, *hasten my escape*³ Heb. *Swallow up.*⁴ Or, *companion*⁶ According to another reading, *Desolations be upon them!*⁶ Heb. *Sheol.*

- 16 As for me, I will call upon God ;
And the LORD shall save me.
- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I
complain, and moan :
And he shall hear my voice.
- 18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace ¹from the
battle that was against me :
For there were many *that strove* with me.
- 19 God shall hear, and ²answer them,
Even he that abideth of old ; [Selah
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.
- 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as
were at peace with him :
He hath profaned his covenant.
- 21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
But his heart was war :
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
- 22 Cast ³thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall
sustain thee :
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
- 23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into
the pit of destruction :
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out
half their days ;
But I will trust in thee.
- 56 For the chief Musician; set to ⁴Jonath elem reho-
kim. Of David, a Michtam: when the Philis-
tines took him in Gath.
- 1 Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would
swallow me up;
All the day long he fighting oppresseth me.
- 2 ⁵Mine enemies would swallow me up all the day
long:
For they be many that fight proudly against me.
- 3 What time I am afraid,

¹ Or, *so that*
none came
nigh me

² Or, *afflict*

³ Heb. *that*
he hath given
thee.

⁴ That is, *The*
silent dove of
them that are
afar off. Or,
as otherwise
read, *The dove*
of the distant
terebinths

⁵ Or, *They that*
lie in wait for
me

I will put my trust in thee.
 In God I will praise his word: 4
 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
 What can flesh do unto me?
 All the day long they wrest my words: 5
 All their thoughts are against me for evil.
 They gather themselves together, they hide 6
 themselves,

They mark my steps,

¹ Or, *Inas-
much as*

¹As they have waited for my soul.

² Or, *They
think to escape*

²Shall they escape by iniquity? 7

In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings: 8

Put thou my tears into thy bottle:

³ Or, *record*

Are they not in thy ³book?

Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day 9
 that I call:

⁴ Or, *for*

This I know, ⁴that God is for me.

In God will I praise *his* word: 10

In the LORD will I praise *his* word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid; 11

What can man do unto me?

Thy vows are upon me, O God: 12

I will render thank-offerings unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: 13

Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling?

That I may walk before God

⁵ Or, *light
of life*

In the ⁵light of the living.

For the chief Musician; Al-tashheth. Of David, **57**
 a Michtam: when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto 1
 me:

For my soul taketh refuge in thee:

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,

⁶ Or,

wickednesses

Until *these* ⁶calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; 2

Unto God that accomplisheth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me;
When he that would swallow me up reproach-
 eth; [Selah

God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions;

¹ I lie among them that are set on fire,
 Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears
 and arrows,

¹ Or, *I must
 needs lie*

And their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;

My soul is bowed down:

They have digged a pit before me,

Into the midst thereof they are fallen them-
 selves. [Selah

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and
 harp:

² I myself will awake right early.

² Or, *I will
 awake the
 dawn*

9 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the
 peoples:

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,

And thy truth unto the skies.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:

Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

58 For the chief Musician; Al-tashheth. Of David,
 a Michtam.

1 ³ Do ye indeed in silence speak righteousness?

Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;

Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the
 earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:

³ Or, *Is the
 righteousness
 ye should speak
 dumb?
 Or, Do ye
 in deed speak
 righteousness,
 O congrega-
 tion? or, as
 otherwise
 read, O ye
 mighty ones?*

They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: 4

They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

¹ Or,
enchanters

Which hearkeneth not to the voice of ¹charm-ers, 5
Charming never so wisely.

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: 6

Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O
LORD.

Let them melt away as water that runneth apace: 7

When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as
though they were cut off.

² Or, let them
pass away

Let them be as a snail which melteth ²and passeth 8
away:

³ Or, like them
that have not
seen the sun

Like the untimely birth of a woman, ³that hath
not seen the sun.

Before your pots can feel the thorns, 9

⁴ Or, both
living and in
his wrath

He shall take them away with a whirlwind, ⁴the
green and the burning alike.

The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the ¹⁰
vengeance:

He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

⁵ Heb. fruit.

So that men shall say, Verily there is ⁵a reward 11
for the righteous:

Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

For the chief Musician; Al-tashheth. Of David, 59

a Michtam: when Saul sent, and they watched
the house to kill him.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: 1

Set me on high from them that rise up against
me.

Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, 2

And save me from men of blood.

For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: 3

The mighty gather themselves together against
me;

Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

- 4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault:

Awake thou to ¹help me, and behold.

¹ Heb. *meet*.

- 5 Even thou, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,

Arise to visit all the heathen:

Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Selah

- 6 They return at evening, they make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth:

Swords are in their lips:

For who, *say they*, doth hear?

- 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;

Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

- 9 ²As concerning his strength I will wait upon thee: For God is my high tower.

² According to some ancient authorities,
O my strength.

- 10 ³The God of my mercy shall prevent me:

God shall let me see *my desire* upon ⁴mine enemies.

³ According to some ancient authorities,
My God with his mercy.

- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:

Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,

⁴ Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

O Lord our shield.

- 12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips,

Let them even be taken in their pride;

And for cursing and lying which they speak.

- 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be no more:

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,

Unto the ends of the earth. [Selah

- 14 And at evening let them return, let them make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

- 15 Let them wander up and down for meat,

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.
 But I will sing of thy strength; 16
 Yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the
 morning:
 For thou hast been my high tower,
 And a refuge in the day of my distress.
 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises: 17
 For God is my high tower, the God of my
 mercy.

¹ That is, *The
 lily of
 testimony.*

For the chief Musician; set to ¹Shushan-eduth. 60
 A Michtam of David, to teach; when he
 strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-
 zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom
 in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken 1
 us down;
 Thou hast been angry; O^h restore us again.
 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast 2
 rent it:
 Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: 3
 Thou hast made us to drink the wine of giddi-
 ness.

² Many an-
 cient autho-
 rities render,
*That they may
 flee from before
 the bow.*

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, 4
²That it may be displayed because of the truth.

[Selah

That thy beloved may be delivered; 5
 Save with thy right hand, and answer us.
 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will exult: 6
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley
 of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; 7
 Ephraim also is the defence of mine head;

³ Or, *laxigiver*

Judah is my ³sceptre.
 Moab is my washpot; 8
 Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:
 Philistia, shout thou because of me.

- 9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
¹Who hath led me unto Edom?
 10 ²Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our
 hosts.
 11 Give us help from the adversary:
 For vain is the ³help of man.
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly:
 For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

¹ Or, *Who will lead me &c.*

² Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest...hosts?*

³ Heb. *salvation.*

61 For the chief Musician; on a stringed instrument.
 Of David.

- 1 Hear my cry, O God;
 Attend unto my prayer.
 2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee,
 when my heart is overwhelmed:
 Lead me to ⁴the rock that is higher than I.
 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
 A strong tower from the enemy.
 4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:
 I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Selah
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
 Thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that
 fear thy name.
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
 His years shall be as many generations.
 7 He shall abide before God for ever:
 O prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they
 may preserve him.
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
 That I may daily perform my vows.

⁴ Or, *a rock that is too high for me*

62 For the chief Musician; set to Jeduthun.
 A Psalm of David.

- 1 My soul ⁵waiteth only upon God:
 From him cometh my salvation.
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation:

⁵ Heb. *is silent unto God.*

He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye set upon a man, 3

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *Ye shall be slain &c.*

¹ That ye may slay *him*, all of you,

Like a bowing wall, like a tottering fence?

They only consult to thrust him down from his 4
excellency:

They delight in lies:

They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Selah

² Or, *be thou silent before &c.*

My soul, ² wait thou only upon God; 5

For my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: 6

He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.

With God is my salvation and my glory: 7

The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times, ye people; 8

Pour out your heart before him:

God is a refuge for us. [Selah

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men, 9
of high degree are a lie:

In the balances they will go up,

They are together lighter than vanity.

Trust not in oppression, 10

And become not vain in robbery:

If riches increase, set not your heart thereon.

God hath spoken once, 11

Twice have I heard this,

That power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: 12

For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

A Psalm of David: when he was in the wilderness of Judah. 63

³ Or, *earnestly* O God, thou art my God; ³ early will I seek thee: 1
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,

- In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
 2 So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
 To see thy power and thy glory.
 3 For thy lovingkindness is better than life;
 My lips shall praise thee.
 4 So will I bless thee while I live:
 I will lift up my hands in thy name.
 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with ¹marrow and ¹Heb. fat.
 fatness;
 And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful
 lips;
 6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
 And meditate on thee in the night watches.
 7 For thou hast been my help,
 And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.
 9 But those that seek my soul, ²to destroy it, ²Or, shall be
 Shall go into the lower parts of the earth. ^{destroyed}
 10 They shall be ³given over to the power of the ³Or, poured
 sword: ^{out by}
 They shall be a portion for ⁴foxes. ⁴Or, jackals
 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
 Every one that sweareth by him shall glory:
 For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be
 stopped.

64 For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:
 Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil doers;
 From the tumult of the workers of iniquity:
 3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
 And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words:
 4 That they may shoot in secret places at the
 perfect:
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;

They commune of laying snares privily ;
They say, Who shall see them ?

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *they have accomplished, or, have hidden*

They search out iniquities ; ¹we have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent search : 6
And the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.

But God shall shoot at them with an arrow ; 7
Suddenly shall they be wounded.

So they shall be made to stumble, their own 8
tongue being against them :

² Or, *flee away*

All that see them shall ²wag the head.

And all men shall fear ; 9

And they shall declare the work of God,

And shall wisely consider of his doing.

The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and 10
shall trust in him ;

And all the upright in heart shall glory.

For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David, 65
a Song.

³ Or, *There shall be silence before thee, and praise, O God &c.*

³Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion : 1

And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, 2

Unto thee shall all flesh come.

⁴ Heb. *Words* (or, *Matters*) of iniquities.

⁴Iniquities prevail against me : 3

As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and 4
causeth to approach *unto thee*,

That he may dwell in thy courts :

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,

⁵ Or, *The holy things*

⁵The holy place of thy temple.

By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness, 5

O God of our salvation ;

Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

- ¹ And of them that are afar off upon the sea : ¹ Or, *And of the sea, afar off*
 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains ;
 Being girded about with might :
 7 Which stilleth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
 And the tumult of the peoples.
 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens :
 Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it ;
 Thou greatly enrichest it :
 The river of God is full of water :
 Thou providest them corn, when thou hast so prepared ² the earth. ² Heb. *her*.
 10 Thou waterest her furrows abundantly :
 Thou settlest the ridges thereof :
 Thou makest it soft with showers :
 Thou blessest the springing thereof.
 11 Thou crownest ³ the year with thy goodness ; ³ Heb. *the year of thy goodness*.
 And thy paths drop fatness.
 12 ⁴ They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : ⁴ Or, *The pastures &c. do drop*.
 And the hills are girded with joy.
 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks ;
 The valleys also are covered over with corn ;
 They shout for joy, they also sing.
- 66 For the chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.
 1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth :
 2 Sing forth the glory of his name :
 Make his praise glorious.
 3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works !
 Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ⁵ submit themselves unto thee. ⁵ Or, *yield figned obedience*
Heb. *lie*.
 4 All the earth shall worship thee,
 And shall sing unto thee ;
 They shall sing to thy name. [Selah
 5 Come and see the works of God :

He is terrible in his doing toward the children
of men.

He turned the sea into dry land : 6

They went through the river on foot :

¹ Or, *let us
rejoice*

There ¹did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his might for ever ; 7

His eyes observe the nations :

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. [Selah

Oh bless our God, ye peoples, 8

And make the voice of his praise to be heard :

² Heb. *putteth.*

Which ²holdeth our soul in life, 9

And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us : 10

Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net ; 11

Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads ; 12

We went through fire and through water :

³ Heb.
abundance.

But thou broughtest us out into ³a wealthy
place.

I will come into thy house with burnt offerings : 13

I will pay thee my vows,

Which my lips have uttered, 14

And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in
distress.

I will offer unto thee burnt-offerings of fatlings, 15

With the incense of rams ;

I will offer bullocks with goats. [Selah

Come, and hear, all ye that fear God, 16

And I will declare what he hath done for my
soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, 17

And ⁴he was extolled with my tongue.

⁴ Heb. *high
praise was
under my
tongue.*

If I ⁵regard iniquity in my heart, 18

The Lord ⁶will not hear :

⁵ Or, *had
regarded*

But verily God hath heard ; 19

⁶ Or, *would*

He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, 20

Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his
mercy from me.

67 For the chief Musician; on stringed instruments.

A Psalm, a Song.

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us ;
And cause his face to shine ¹upon us ; [Selah ¹ Heb.
with us.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples ²praise thee, O God ; ² Or, give
thanks unto
Let all the peoples praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :
For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
And ³govern the nations upon earth. [Selah ³ Heb. lead.
- 5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God ;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
- 6 The earth ⁴shall yield her increase : ⁴ Or, hath
yielded
God, even our own God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us ;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68 For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David,
a Song.

- 1 ⁵Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered ; ⁵ Or, God
arise: and
Let them also that hate him flee before him. so throughout
verses 1, 2, 3.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away :
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad ; let them exult
before God :
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
- 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name :
Cast up a highway for him that rideth through
the deserts ;
- ⁶His name is JAH ; and exult ye before him. ⁶ Or, In his
name JAH
- 5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the
widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.

¹ Heb. *maketh the solitary to dwell in a house.*

God ¹setteth the solitary in families : 6
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity :
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy 7
people,

When thou didst march through the wilder-
ness ; [Selah

The earth trembled, 8

The heavens also dropped at the presence of
God :

Even yon Sinai *trembled* at the presence of God, *Zacharias*
the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, 9

Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it
was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein : 10

Thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness
for the poor.

The Lord giveth the word : 11

² Or, *bring glad tidings*

The women that ²proclaim it are a great host.

Kings of armies flee, they flee : 12.

And she that tarrieth at home divideth the
spoil.

³ Or, *Will ye lie among the sheepfolds, as the wings &c. ?*

³When ye lie among the sheepfolds, 13

It is as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her pinions with yellow gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings *in-it*, 14

⁴ Or, *It was white as snow*

⁴*It was as when* it snoweth in Zalmon.

A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan ; 15

⁵ Heb. *A mountain of many summits.*

⁵An high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.

Why look ye askance, ye high mountains, 16

At the mountain which God hath desired for his
abode ?

Yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even 17
thousands upon thousands :

⁶ Or, *Sinai is in the sanctuary*

The Lord is among them, ⁶*as in* Sinai, in the
sanctuary.

- 18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led
captivity captive :
Thou hast received gifts among men ;
Yea, *among* the rebellious also, ¹that ²the LORD
God might dwell *with them*. ¹ Or, *the LORD*
God shall dwell
- 19 ³Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our
burden,
Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah ² Heb. *YAH.*
See ver. 4.
³ Or, *Blessed be the Lord day by day: if one oppresseth us God is our salvation*
- 20 God is unto us a God of deliverances ;
And unto Jehovah the Lord belong the issues
from death.
- 21 But God shall smite through the head of his
enemies,
The hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still
in his guiltiness.
- 22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan,
I will bring *them* again from the depths of the
sea :
- 23 That thou mayest dip thy foot in blood,
That the tongue of thy dogs may have its
portion from *thine* enemies.
- 24 They have seen thy goings, O God ;
Even the goings of my God, my King, ⁴into the
sanctuary. ⁴ Or, *in the sanctuary*
Or, *in holiness*
- 25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed
after ;
In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.
- 26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the Lord, *ye that are* of the fountain of
Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin their ruler,
The princes of Judah *and* their ⁵council,
The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. ⁵ Or, *company*
- 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength :
⁶Strengthen, O God, that which thou ⁷hast
wrought for us. ⁶ Or, *Be strong, O God, thou that hast &c.*
⁷ Or, *hast wrought for us out of thy temple &c.*
- 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem
Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, 30
 The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of
 the peoples,

¹ Or, *Every
 one submitting
 himself with
 pieces of silver*

¹Trampling under foot the pieces of silver,
 He hath scattered the peoples that delight in
 war.

Princes shall come out of Egypt; 31

² Heb. *Cush.*

²Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands
 unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; 32

O sing praises unto the Lord; [Selah

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, 33
 which are of old;

Lo, he uttereth his voice, *and that* a mighty
 voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God: 34

His excellency is over Israel,

And his strength is in the skies.

³ Or, *Terrible
 is God*

³Thou art terrible, O God, out of thy holy places: 35
 The God of Israel,

He it is that giveth strength and power unto
 the people.

Blessed be God.

⁴ That is,
Lilies.

For the chief Musician; set to ⁴Shoshannim. 69
 Of David.

Save me, O God; 1

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: 2

I am come into deep waters,

And the flood hath overwhelmed me.

I am weary with my crying: my throat is 3
 dried:

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more 4
 than the hairs of mine head:

They that would cut me off, being mine enemies
 wrongfully, are mighty:

- Then I restored that which I took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness ;
And my ¹guilt is not hid from thee. ¹ Heb.
guiltinesses.
6 Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed
through me, O Lord GOD of hosts :
Let not those that seek thee be brought to
dishonour through me, O God of Israel.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach ;
Shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up ;
And the reproaches of them that reproach thee
are fallen upon me.
10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with
fasting,
That was to my reproach.
11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a proverb unto them.
12 They that sit in the gate talk of me ;
And *I am* the song of the drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD,
in an acceptable time :
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy answer
me,
In the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not
sink :
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
16 Answer me, O LORD ; for thy lovingkindness is
good :
Turn thou unto me according to the multitude
of thy tender mercies.
17 And hide not thy face from thy servant ;

For I am in distress: answer me speedily.
 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: 18
 Ransom me because of mine enemies.
 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and 19
 my dishonour:
 Mine adversaries are all before thee.
 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full 20
 of heaviness:
 And I looked for some to take pity, but there
 was none;
 And for comforters, but I found none.
 They gave me also ¹gall for my meat; 21
 And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
 Let their table before them become a snare; 22
 And when they are in peace, *let it become a*
trap.
 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; 23
 And make their loins continually to shake.
 Pour out thine indignation upon them, 24
 And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake
 them.
 Let their ²habitation be desolate; 25
 Let none dwell in their tents.
 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; 26
 And they tell of the sorrow of those whom thou
 hast wounded.
 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: 27
 And let them not come into thy righteousness.
 Let them be blotted out of the book of ³life, 28
 And not be written with the righteous.
 But I am poor and sorrowful: 29
 Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
 I will praise the name of God with a song, 30
 And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 And it shall please the LORD better than an ox, 31
 Even than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
 The meek have seen it, and are glad: 32
 Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.

¹ Or, *hemlock*
 See Deut.
 xxix. 18.

² Or, *encampment*

³ Or, *the living*

- 33 For the LORD heareth the needy,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
- 34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and everything that moveth therein.
- 35 For God will save Zion,
And will build the cities of Judah ;
And they shall abide there, and have it in
possession.
- 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it ;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.
- 70 For the chief Musician. Of David ; ¹ to bring ¹ Or, *to make*
to remembrance. *memorial*
- ¹ ² *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me ; ² See Psalm
xl. 13—17.
Make haste to help me, O LORD.
- ² Let them be ashamed and confounded,
That seek after my soul :
Let them be turned backward and brought to
dishonour,
That delight in my hurt.
- ³ Let them be turned back for a reward of their
shame,
That say, Aha, aha.
- ⁴ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad
in thee ;
And let such as love thy salvation say con-
tinually,
Let God be magnified.
- ⁵ But I am poor and needy ;
Make haste unto me, O God :
Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
O LORD, make no tarrying.
- 71 ¹ In thee, O LORD, have I taken refuge :
Let me never be ashamed.
- ² Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue
me :
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

¹ According to
some ancient
authorities,
strength.

Be thou to me a rock of ¹ habitation, whereunto 3

I may continually resort :

Thou hast given commandment to save me ;

For thou art my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the 4
wicked,

Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel
man.

For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah : 5

Thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up from the 6
womb :

² Or, *Thou
hast been my
benefactor
from &c.*

² Thou art he that took me out of my mother's
bowels :

My praise shall be continually of thee.

I am as a wonder unto many ; 7

But thou art my strong refuge.

My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, 8

And with thy honour all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age ; 9

Forsake me not when my strength faileth !

For mine enemies speak concerning me ; 10

And they that watch for my soul take counsel
together,

Saying, God hath forsaken him : 11

Pursue and take him ; for there is none to
deliver.

O God, be not far from me : 12

O my God, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and consumed that are 13
adversaries to my soul ;

Let them be covered with reproach and dis-
honour that seek my hurt.

But I will hope continually, 14

And will praise thee yet more and more.

My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness, 15

And of thy salvation all the day ;

For I know not the numbers *thereof*.

- 16 I will come ¹with the mighty acts of the Lord Jehovah : ¹ Or, *in the strength*
 I will make mention of thy righteousness, even
 of thine only.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth :
 And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous
 works.
- 18 Yea, even ²when I am old and grayheaded, O ² Heb. *unto old age and gray hairs.*
 God, forsake me not ;
 Until I have declared ³thy strength unto *the* ³ Heb. *thine arm.*
next generation,
 Thy might to every one that is to come.
- 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high,
 Thou who hast done great things ;
 O God, who is like unto thee ?
- 20 Thou, which hast shewed ⁴us many and sore ⁴ Another
 troubles, ⁴ reading is, *me.*
 Shalt quicken ⁴us again,
 And shalt bring ⁴us up again from the depths of
 the earth.
- 21 Increase thou my greatness,
 And turn again and comfort me.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
 Even thy truth, O my God :
 Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
 O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises
 unto thee ;
 And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness
 all the day long :
 For they are ashamed, for they are confounded,
 that seek my hurt.

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Of Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king thy judgements, O God,
 And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- ² ⁵ He shall judge thy people with righteousness, ⁵ Or, *Let him and so throughout the Psalm*

And thy poor with judgement.
 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, 3
 And the hills, in righteousness.
 He shall judge the poor of the people, 4
 He shall save the children of the needy,
 And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, 5
 And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
 He shall come down like rain upon the mown 6
 grass :
 As showers that water the earth.
 In his days shall the righteous flourish ; 7
 And abundance of peace till the moon be no
 more.
 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, 8
 And from the ¹ River unto the ends of the earth.
 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow, 9
 before him ;
 And his enemies shall lick the dust.
 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall 10
 bring presents :
 The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him : 11
 All nations shall serve him.
 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ; 12
 And the poor, that hath no helper.
² Or, weak He shall have pity on the ² poor and needy, 13
 And the souls of the needy he shall save.
 He shall redeem their soul from oppression and 14
 violence ;
 And precious shall their blood be in his sight ;
³ Or, he And ³ they shall live ; and to him shall be given 15
 of the gold of Sheba :
⁴ Or, he shall pray for And ⁴ men shall pray for him continually ;
⁵ Or, a handful They shall bless him all the day long.
 There shall be ⁵ abundance of corn in the earth 16
 upon the top of the mountains ;

¹ See Exod.
xxiii. 31.

² Or, weak

³ Or, he

⁴ Or, he shall
pray for
them...he shall
bless them &c.

⁵ Or, a handful

The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of
the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever :

His name shall ¹be continued as long as the ¹Or, *have*
sun : *issue*

And men shall ²be blessed in him :

All nations shall call him happy.

² Heb. *bless*
themselves.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things :

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are
ended.

BOOK III.

A Psalm of Asaph.

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¹ Or, <i>Only good is God</i>	¹ Surely God is good to Israel, Even to such as are pure in heart.	1
	But as for me, my feet were almost gone ; My steps had well nigh slipped.	2
	For I was envious at the arrogant, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.	3
² Or, <i>pangs</i> See Is. lviii. 6.	For there are no ² bands in their death : But their strength is firm.	4
³ Heb. <i>in the trouble of men.</i>	They are not ³ in trouble as <i>other</i> men ; Neither are they plagued like <i>other</i> men.	5
	Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck ; Violence covereth them as a garment.	6
	Their eyes stand out with fatness :	7
⁴ Or, <i>The imaginations of their heart exceed</i>	⁴ They have more than heart could wish. They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression :	8
⁵ Or, <i>from on high</i>	They speak ⁵ loftily. They have set their mouth in the heavens,	9
⁶ Another reading is, <i>he will bring back his people.</i>	And their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore ⁶ his people return hither :	10
⁷ Or, <i>drained</i>	And waters of a full <i>cup</i> are ⁷ wrung out by them. And they say, How doth God know ?	11
	And is there knowledge in the most High ? Behold, these are the wicked ;	12
	And being alway at ease, they increase in riches. Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,	13
	And washed my hands in innocency ; For all the day long have I been plagued,	14
⁸ Heb. <i>my chastisement was.</i>	And ⁸ chastened every morning. If I had said, I will speak thus ;	15

Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought how I might know this,

¹It was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.

¹ Heb. *It was labour in mine eyes.*

18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places :
Thou castest them down to ²destruction.

² Heb. *ruins.*

19 How are they become a desolation in a moment !
They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh ;

So, O Lord, ³when thou awakest, thou shalt
despise their image.

³ Or, *in the city*

21 For my heart ⁴was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins.

⁴ Heb. *was in a ferment.*

22 But I ⁵was brutish, and ignorant :
I was *as* a beast ⁶before thee.

⁵ Or, *am*

⁶ Heb. *with thee.*

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee :
Thou hast holden my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me ⁷to glory.

⁷ Or, *with*

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee* ?

And there is none upon earth that I desire ⁸beside thee.

⁸ Or, *with thee*

26 My flesh and my heart faileth :

But God is the ⁹strength of my heart and my
portion for ever.

⁹ Heb. *rock.*

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish :
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a-whoring
from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near unto God :
I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge,
That I may tell of all thy works.

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Maschil of Asaph.

1 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever ?

Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep
of thy pasture ?

Remember thy congregation, which thou hast ²
purchased of old ;

Which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of
thine inheritance,

This mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins, ³

¹ Or, *The
enemy hath
wrought all
evil*

¹ All the evil that the enemy hath done in the
sanctuary.

Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of ⁴
thine assembly ;

They have set up their ensigns for signs.

² Or, *made
themselves
known*

They ² seemed as men that lifted up ⁵

Axes upon a thicket of trees.

And now all the carved work thereof together ⁶

They break down with hatchet and hammers.

They have set thy sanctuary on fire ; ⁷

They have profaned the dwelling place of thy
name even to the ground.

They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of ⁸
them altogether :

³ Or, *assem-
blies*
See ver. 4.

They have burned up all the ³synagogues of ⁹
God in the land.

We see not our signs : ⁹

There is no prophet any more :

Neither is there any among us that knoweth
how long.

How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach ? ¹⁰

Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever ?

Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right ¹¹
hand ?

Pluck it out of thy bosom and consume them.

Yet God is my King of old, ¹²

Working salvation in the midst of the earth.

⁴ Heb.
break up.

Thou didst ⁴divide the sea by thy strength : ¹³

Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the
waters.

Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, ¹⁴

Thou gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

- 15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:

Thou driedst up ¹mighty rivers.

¹ Or, ever-flowing

- 16 The day is thine, the night also is thine:

Thou hast prepared the ²light and the sun.

² Heb. luminary.

- 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:

Thou hast made summer and winter.

- 18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached,
O LORD,

And that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

- 19 Oh deliver not ³the soul of thy turtledove unto the wild beast:

³ Or, thy turtledove unto the greedy multitude

Forget not the ⁴life of thy poor for ever.

- 20 Have respect unto the covenant:

⁴ Or, multitude

For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.

- 21 Oh let not the oppressed return ashamed:

Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

- 22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:

Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day.

- 23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries:

The tumult of those that rise up against thee
⁵ascendeth continually.

⁵ Or, which ascendeth

75 For the chief Musician; Al-tashheth.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- 1 We give thanks unto thee, O God;

We give thanks, ⁶for thy name is near:

⁶ Or, for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare

Men tell of thy wondrous works.

- 2 When I shall take a set time,

I will judge uprightly.

- 3 ⁷The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:

⁷ Or, When the earth &c. I set up

I have ⁸set up the pillars of it.

[Selah ⁸ Heb. poised.

- 4 I said unto the arrogant, Deal not arrogantly:

And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn :
 Lift not up your horn on high : 5
¹ Speak not with a stiff neck.
 For neither from the east, nor from the west, 6
 Nor yet ² from the ³ south, *cometh* lifting up.
 But God is the judge : 7
 He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and 8
 the wine ⁴ foameth ;
 It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the
 same :
 Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the
 earth shall ⁵ wring them out, and drink them.
 But I will declare for ever, 9
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off ; 10
 But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

For the chief Musician ; on stringed instruments. **76**
 A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

In Judah is God known : 1
 His name is great in Israel.
 In Salem also is his ⁶ tabernacle, 2
 And his ⁷ dwelling place in Zion.
 There he brake the ⁸ arrows of the bow ; 3
 The shield, and the sword, and the battle. [Selah
 Glorious art thou and excellent ⁹ from the moun- 4
 tains of prey.
 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept 5
 their sleep ;
 And none of the men of might have found their
 hands.
 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, 6
 Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead
 sleep.
 Thou, even thou, art to be feared : 7
 And who may stand in thy sight when once thou
 art angry ?

¹ Or, *Speak not insolently with a haughty neck*

² Or, *from the wilderness of mountains, cometh judgement*

³ Heb. *wilderness.*

⁴ Or, *is red*

⁵ Or, *drain*

⁶ Or, *covert*

⁷ Or, *lair*

⁸ Or, *fiery shafts*

⁹ Or, *more than*

- 8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from
heaven ;
The earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgement,
To save all the meek of the earth. [Selah
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee :
The residue of wrath shalt thou ¹gird upon thee. ¹ Or, *restrain*.
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God :
Let all that be round about him bring presents
unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes :
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77 For the chief Musician ; set to Jeduthun.
Of Asaph. A Psalm.

- 1 I will cry unto God with my voice ;
Even unto God with my voice, and he will give
ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord :
My hand was stretched out in the night, and
slackened not ;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted :
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. [Selah
4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching :
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night :
I commune with mine own heart :
And my spirit made diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever ?
And will he be favourable no more ?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever ?
Doth his promise fail for evermore ?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious ?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies ?
[Selah

¹ Or, *That the right hand of the Most High doth change*
² Heb. *ʔan*.
 And I said, This is my infirmity ; 10
¹ *But I will remember* the years of the right hand
 of the Most High !
 I will make mention of the deeds of ² the 11
 LORD ;
 For I will remember thy wonders of old.
 I will meditate also on all thy work, 12
 And muse on thy doings.
³ Or, *in holiness* Thy way, O God, is ³ in thy sanctuary : 13
 Who is a great god like unto God ?
 Thou art the God that doest wonders : 14
 Thou hast made known thy strength among the
 peoples.
 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, 15
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah
 The waters saw thee, O God ; 16
⁴ Or, *were in anguish* The waters saw thee, they ⁴ were afraid :
 The depths also trembled.
 The clouds poured out water ; 17
 The skies sent out a sound :
 Thine arrows also went abroad.
 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind ; 18
 The lightnings lightened the world :
 The earth trembled and shook.
 Thy way was in the sea, 19
 And thy paths in the great waters,
 And thy footsteps were not known.
 Thou leddest thy people like a flock ; 20
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Maschil of Asaph.

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Give ear, O my people, to my law : 1
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a parable : 2
 I will utter dark sayings of old :
 Which we have heard and known, 3
 And our fathers have told us.
 We will not hide them from their children, 4

- Telling to the generation to come the praises of
the LORD,
And his strength, and his wondrous works that
he hath done.
- 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their
children :
- 6 That the generation to come might know *them*,
even the children which should be born ;
Who should arise and tell *them* to their children :
- 7 That they might set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep his commandments :
- 8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation ;
A generation ¹that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
- 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and
carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
- 10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law ;
- 11 And they forgot his doings,
And his wondrous works that he had shewed
them.
- 12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their
fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass
through ;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
- 14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
- 15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the
depths.

¹ Heb. *that*
prepared not
their heart.

He brought streams also out of the rock, 16
 And caused waters to run down like rivers.
 Yet went they on still to sin against him, 17
 To rebel against the Most High in the ¹desert.
 And they tempted God in their heart 18
 By asking meat for their appetite.
 Yea, they spake against God ; 19
 They said, Can God prepare a table in the
 wilderness ?
 Behold, he smote the rock, that waters gushed 20
 out,
 And streams overflowed ;
 Can he give bread also ?
 Will he provide flesh for his people ?
 Therefore the LORD heard, and was wroth : 21
 And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
 And anger also went up against Israel ;
 Because they believed not in God, 22
 And trusted not in his salvation.
 Yet he commanded the skies above, 23
 And opened the doors of heaven ;
 And he rained down manna upon them to eat, 24
 And gave them of the corn of heaven.
 Man did eat the bread of the mighty : 25
 He sent them meat to the full.
 He ²caused the east wind to blow in the heaven : 26
 And by his power he guided the south wind.
 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, 27
 And winged fowl as the sand of the seas :
 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, 28
 Round about their habitations.
 So they did eat, and were well filled ; 29
 And he gave them that they lusted after.
 They were not estranged from their lust, 30
 Their meat was yet in their mouths,
 When the anger of God went up against them, 31
 And slew of the fattest of them,
 And smote down the young men of Israel.

¹ Heb. *dry land.*

² Heb. *led forth the east wind.*

- 32 For all this they sinned still,
 And believed not in his wondrous works.
 33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
 And their years in terror.
 34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him:
 And they returned and sought God ¹early. ¹ Or, earnestly
 35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
 And God Most High their redeemer.
 36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
 And lied unto him with their tongue.
 37 For their heart was not ²right with him, ² Or, stedfast
 Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
 38 But he being full of compassion, forgave *their*
 iniquity, and destroyed *them* not :
 Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
 And did not stir up all his wrath.
 39 And he remembered that they were but flesh ;
 A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
 40 How oft did they rebel against him in the
 wilderness,
 And grieve him in the desert !
 41 And they turned again and tempted God,
 And ³provoked the Holy One of Israel. ³ Or, limited
 42 They remembered not his hand,
 Nor the day when he redeemed them from the
 adversary.
 43 How he set his signs in Egypt,
 And his wonders in the field of Zoan :
 44 And turned their rivers into blood,
 And their streams, that they could not drink.
 45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which
 devoured them ;
 And frogs, which destroyed them.
 46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
 And their labour unto the locust.
 47 He ⁴destroyed their vines with hail,
 And their sycomore trees with ⁵frost. ⁴ Heb. killed.
⁵ Or, great
hailstones
 48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,

And their flocks to burning thunderbolts.
 He sent his fierce anger among them, 49
 Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
¹ Heb. ¹A band of angels of evil.
A sending. He levelled a path for his anger ; 50
 He spared not their soul from death,
² Or, *their* But gave ²their life over to the pestilence ;
beasts to the And smote all the firstborn in Egypt ; 51
murrain The ³chief of their strength in the tents of Ham :
³ Heb. *beginning.* But he led forth his own people like sheep, 52
 And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
 And he led them safely, so that they feared not : 53
 But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
⁴ Or, *his holy* And he brought them to ⁴the border of his 54
border sanctuary,
⁵ Or, *moun-* To this ⁵mountain, which his right hand had
tain land purchased.
 He drove out the nations also before them, 55
 And allotted them for an inheritance by line,
 And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their
 tents.
 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the most 56
 high God,
 And kept not his testimonies :
 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like 57
 their fathers :
 They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
 For they provoked him to anger with their high 58
 places,
 And moved him to jealousy with their graven
 images.
 God heard, and he was wroth, 59
 And greatly abhorred Israel :
 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, 60
 The tent which he placed among men ;
 And delivered his strength into captivity, 61
 And his glory into the adversary's hand.
 He gave his people over also unto the sword ; 62

And was wroth with his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men ;

And their maidens had no marriage-song.

64 Their priests fell by the sword ;

And their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,

Like a mighty man ¹that shouteth by reason of ^{Or, overcome}
wine _{by wine}.

66 And he smote his adversaries backward :

He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,

And chose not the tribe of Ephraim :

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,

The mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,

Like the earth which he hath established for
ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,

And took him from the sheepfolds :

71 From following the ewes that give suck he
brought him,

To feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inhe-
ritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his
heart ;

And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, the nations are come into thine inhe-
ritance ;

Thy holy temple have they defiled ;

They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they
given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the
earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round
about Jerusalem ;

And there was none to bury them.
 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, 4
 A scorn and derision to them that are round
 about us.
 How long, O LORD, wilt thou be angry for 5
 ever?
 Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know 6
 thee not,
 And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy
 name.
 For they have devoured Jacob, 7
 And laid waste his ¹habitation.
 Remember not against us ²the iniquities of our 8
 forefathers:
 Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us:
 For we are brought very low.
 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory 9
 of thy name:
 And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy
 name's sake.
 Wherefore should the nations say, Where is 10
 their God?
³Let him be known among the nations in our
 sight,
 By the revenging of the blood of thy servants
 which is shed.
 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before 11
 thee;
 According to the greatness of ⁴thy power ⁵pre-
 serve thou those that are appointed to death;
 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into 12
 their bosom
 Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached
 thee, O Lord.
 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture 13
 Will give thee thanks for ever:
 We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

¹ Or, *pasture*

² Or, *former iniquities*

³ Or, *Let the revenging &c. be known*

⁴ Heb. *thine arm.*

⁵ Heb. *reserve the children of death.*

- 80 For the chief Musician; set to ¹Shoshannim
Eduth. Of Asaph. A Psalm.
- ¹ That is,
Lilies, a
testimony.
- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that ²sittest upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- ² Or, dwellest
between
- ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up thy might,
And come for our salvation.
- ³ O God, ³turn us again;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be
saved.
- ³ Or, restore
- ⁴ O LORD, the God of hosts,
How long ⁴wilt thou be angry against the
prayer of thy people?
- ⁴ Heb. wilt
thou smoke,
Ps. lxxiv. 1.
- ⁵ Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
- ⁶ Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours:
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ O God of hosts, turn us again;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be
saved.
- ⁸ Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst
it.
- ⁹ Thou madest room before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with the shadow
of it,
And ⁵the boughs thereof were cedars of God.
- ⁵ Or, the
cedars of God
with the
boughs thereof
- ¹¹ She sent out her branches unto the sea,
And her shoots unto the river.
- ¹² Why hast thou broken down her fences,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck
her?
- ¹³ The bear out of the wood doth ravage it,

And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
 O God of hosts, turn again, we beseech thee : 14
 Look down from heaven, and behold,
 And visit this vine ;
 And ¹the stock which thy right hand hath 15
 planted,
 And the ²branch that thou madest strong for
 thyself.
 It is burned with fire, it is cut down : 16
 They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, 17
 Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong
 for thyself.
 So shall we not go back from thee : 18
 Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
 O LORD, the God of hosts, turn us again ; 19
 Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

For the chief Musician ; set to the Gittith. **81**
 Of Asaph.

Sing aloud unto God our strength : 1
 Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
³ Or, *strike the* Take up the psalm, and ³bring hither the timbrel, 2
timbrel The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, 3
⁴ Or, *In the* ⁴At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
time appointed For it is a statute for Israel, 4
 An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, 5
⁵ Or, *against* When he went out ⁵over the land of Egypt :
⁶ Or, *the speech* Where I heard ⁶a language that I knew not.
of one that I removed his shoulder from the burden : 6
&c. His hands were freed from the basket.
 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee ; 7
 I answered thee in the secret place of thunder :
 I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. [Selah
 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee : 8
 O Israel, if thou wouldst hearken unto me !

- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee ;
 Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
 10 I am the LORD thy God,
 Which brought thee up out of the land of
 Egypt :
 Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 11 But my people hearkened not to my voice ;
 And Israel would none of me.
 12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their
 heart :
 That they might walk in their own counsels.
 13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,
 That Israel would walk in my ways !
 14 I should soon subdue their enemies,
 And turn my hand against their adversaries.
 15 The haters of the LORD should ¹submit them-
 selves unto him : *¹ Or, yield
feigned obedi-
ence
Heb. lie.*
 But their time should endure for ever.
 16 He should feed them also with the finest of the
 wheat :
 And with honey out of the rock should I satisfy
 thee.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 God standeth in the congregation of God ;
 He judgeth among the gods.
 2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
 And respect the persons of the wicked? [Selah]
 3 Judge the ²poor and fatherless : *² Or, weak*
 Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
 4 Rescue the ²poor and needy :
 Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
 5 They know not, neither do they understand ;
 They walk to and fro in darkness :
 All the foundations of the earth are moved.
 6 I said, Ye are gods,
 And all of you sons of the Most High.
 7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,

And fall like one of the princes.
 Arise, O God, judge the earth : 8
 For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph. 83

O God, keep not thou silence : 1
 Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult : 2
 And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
 They take crafty counsel against thy people, 3
 And consult together against thy hidden ones.
 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off 4
 from being a nation ;
 That the name of Israel may be no more in
 remembrance.
 For they have consulted together with one 5
 consent ;
 Against thee do they make a covenant :
 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites ; 6
 Moab, and the Hagarenes ;
 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek ; 7
 Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre ;
 Assyria also is joined with them : 8
¹ They have holpen the children of Lot. [Selah
 Do unto them as unto Midian ; 9
 As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon :
 They were destroyed at En-dor : 10
 They became as dung for the earth.
 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb : 11
 Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna :
 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in posses- 12
 sion
 The ² habitations of God.
 O my God, make them like the whirling dust ; 13
 As stubble before the wind.
 As the fire that burneth the forest, 14
 And as the flame that setteth the mountains on
 fire ;

¹ Heb. *They have been an arm to the children of Lot.*

² Or, *pastures*

- 15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
 And terrify them with thy storm.
 16 Fill their faces with confusion ;
 That they may seek thy name, O LORD.
 17 Let them be ashamed and terrified for ever ;
 Yea, let them be confounded and perish :
 18 That they may know that ¹thou alone, whose
 name is JEHOVAH,
 Art the Most High over all the earth.

¹ Or, *thou
whose name
alone is
JEHOVAH,
art &c.*

84 For the chief Musician ; set to the Gittith.
 Of the sons of Korah ; a Psalm.

- 1 How ²amiable are thy tabernacles,
 O LORD of hosts !
 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the
 courts of the LORD :
 My heart and my flesh ³cry out unto the living
 God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 And the swallow a nest for herself, where she
 may lay her young,
 Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
 My King, and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
 They will be still praising thee. [Selah
 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ;
 In whose heart are the highways *to Zion*.
 6 Passing through the valley of ⁴Weeping they
 make it a place of springs ;
 Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength,
 Every one of them appeareth before God in
 Zion.
- 8 O LORD, the God of hosts, hear my prayer :
 Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah
 9 ⁵Behold, O God our shield,
 And look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

² Or, *lovely*

³ Or, *sing
for joy*

⁴ Or, *balsam-
tree*
Heb. *Baca*.
See 2 Sam.
v. 23.

⁵ Or, *Behold
our shield, O
God*

¹ Or, *stand at the threshold of &c.*

I had rather ¹be a doorkeeper in the house of
my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and a shield : 11
The LORD will give grace and glory :
No good thing will he withhold from them that
walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts, 12
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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Korah ; a Psalm.

² Or, *returned to*

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land : 1
Thou hast ²brought back the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, 2
Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah
Thou hast taken away all thy wrath : 3
Thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of
thine anger.

³ Or, *Turn to us*

³ Turn us, O God of our salvation, 4
And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ? 5
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all gene-
rations ?
Wilt thou not quicken us again : 6
That thy people may rejoice in thee ?
Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, 7
And grant us thy salvation.
I will hear what God the LORD will speak : 8
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to
his saints :
But let them not turn again to folly.
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear 9
him ;
That glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together ; 10
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth springeth out of the earth ; 11

And righteousness hath looked down from
heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good ;
And our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him ;
And shall ¹make his footsteps a way *to walk in.*

¹ Or, *set us in
the way of his
steps*

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A Prayer of David.

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and answer me ;
For I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul ; for I am ²godly :
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth
in thee.

² Or, *one
whom thou
favour'est*

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord ;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant ;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call
upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer ;
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee ;
For thou wilt answer me.

8 There is none like unto thee among the gods,
O Lord ;
Neither *are there any works* like unto thy
works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come
and worship before thee, O Lord ;
And they shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :
Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD ; I will walk in thy
truth :

Unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my
whole heart ;

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
 For great is thy mercy toward me ; 13
 And thou hast delivered my soul from ¹the
 lowest pit.
 O God, the proud are risen up against me, 14
 And the congregation of violent men have
 sought after my soul,
 And have not set thee before them.
 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion 15
 and gracious,
 Longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
 Oh turn unto me, and have mercy upon me ; 16
 Give thy strength unto thy servant, and save
 the son of thine handmaid.
 Shew me a token for good ; 17
 That they which hate me may see it, and be
 ashamed,
 Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and com-
 forted me.

Of the sons of Korah ; a Psalm, a Song. 87

² Or, *His
foundation
in the holy
mountains the
LORD loveth,
even the
gates &c.*

² His foundation is in the holy mountains. 1
 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion 2
 More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
 Glorious things are spoken of thee, 3
 O city of God. [Selah

³ Or, *Egypt*

I will make mention of ³Rahab and Babylon as 4

⁴ Or, *to*

⁴among them that know me :

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Cush ;

This one was born there.

And of Zion it shall be said, One and another 5
 was born in her :

And the Most High himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the 6
 peoples,

This one was born there.

[Selah

⁵ Or, *the
players on
instruments
shall be there*

As well the singers as ⁵they that dance say 7

All my fountains are in thee.

88 A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah ; for the chief Musician ; set to ¹Mahalath Leannoth. *¹ That is, Sickness to afflict.*
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹ O LORD, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee :

² Let my prayer enter into thy presence :
Incline thine ear unto my cry ;

³ For my soul is full of troubles :
And my life draweth nigh unto ²Sheol.

⁴ I am counted with them that go down into the *² Or, the grave*
pit :

I am as a man that hath no strength :

⁵ Free among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more :
And they are cut off from thy hand.

⁶ Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.

⁷ Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy
waves. [Selah]

⁸ Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me ;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them :
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

⁹ Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction :
I have called daily upon thee, O LORD,
I have spread forth my hands unto thee.

¹⁰ Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ?
Shall ³they that are deceased arise and praise *³ Heb. Rephaim.*
thee ? [Selah]

¹¹ Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the
grave ?

Or thy faithfulness in destruction ?

¹² Shall thy wonders be known in the dark ?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetful-
ness ?

¹³ But unto thee, O LORD, have I cried,

And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.

LORD, why castest thou off my soul ? 14

Why hidest thou thy face from me ?

I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth 15
up :

While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

Thy fierce wrath is gone over me ; 16

Thy horrors have cut me off.

They came round about me like water all the 17
day long ;

They compassed me about together.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, 18

And mine acquaintance ¹into darkness.

¹ Or, *are*
darkness

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. 89

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever : 1

With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for 2
ever ;

Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens :

I have made a covenant with my chosen, 3

I have sworn unto David my servant,

Thy seed will I establish for ever, 4

And build up thy throne to all generations. [Selah

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O 5
LORD :

Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies can be compared unto the 6
LORD,

² Or, *gods* Who among the sons of the ²mighty is like unto the LORD,

A God very terrible in the council of the holy 7
ones,

And to be feared above all them that are round
about him ?

8 O LORD, the God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O JAH,
With thy faithfulness round about thee ?

9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea :
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that
is slain ;

Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm
of thy strength.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast
founded them.

12 The north and the south, thou hast created
them :

Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast ¹a mighty arm :
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

¹ Heb. *an arm*
with might.

14 Righteousness and judgement are the foundation
of thy throne :

Mercy and truth go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the ²joyful ²Or, *trumpet*
sound *sound*

They walk, O LORD, in the light of thy coun-
tenance.

16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day :
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength :
And in thy favour ³our horn shall be exalted.

³ Another
reading is,
thou shalt
exalt our horn.

18 For ⁴our shield belongeth unto the LORD ;
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

⁴ Or, *the LORD*
is our defence ;
and the Holy
One of Israel
is our king

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy ⁵saints,
And saidst, I have laid help upon one that
is mighty ;

⁵ Many MSS.
and ancient
versions read
the plural.
Other autho-
rities have the
singular.

I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant ;

With my holy oil have I anointed him :
 With whom my hand shall be established : 21
 Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
 The enemy shall not exact upon him ; 22
 Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
 And I will beat down his adversaries before him, 23
 And smite them that hate him.
 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be 24
 with him :
 And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
 I will set his hand also on the sea, 25
 And his right hand on the rivers.
 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, 26
 My God, and the rock of my salvation.
 I also will make him my firstborn, 27
 Highest of the kings of the earth.
 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, 28
 And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, 29
 And his throne as the days of heaven.
 If his children forsake my law, 30
 And walk not in my judgments ;
 If they profane my statutes, 31
 And keep not my commandments ;
 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, 32
 And their iniquity with stripes.
 But my mercy will I not utterly take from him, 33
 Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
 My covenant will I not profane, 34
 Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
 Once have I sworn by my holiness ; 35
 I will not lie unto David ;
 His seed shall endure for ever, 36
 And his throne as the sun before me.
 It shall be established for ever as the moon, 37
 And as the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah
 But thou hast cast off and rejected, 38

¹ Or, be faithful

² Or, One thing

³ Or, As the moon which is established for ever, and as the faithful witness &c. or, and is a faithful witness &c.

⁴ Or, And the witness in the sky is faithful

- Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant:
Thou hast profaned his crown even to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil him:
He is become a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his ad-
versaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened :
Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah
46 How long, O LORD, wilt thou hide thyself for ever?
Shall thy wrath burn like fire ?
47 Oh remember how short my time is :
For what vanity hast thou created all the chil-
dren of men !
48 What man is he that liveth and shall not see
death,
That shall deliver his soul from the hand of ¹the ¹ Heb. *Sheol*.
grave ? [Selah
49 Lord, where are thy former mercies,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithful-
ness ?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants;
How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of*
all the ²mighty peoples ; ² Or, *many*
51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O
LORD;
Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps
of thine anointed.
52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV.

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

90

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place 1
In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, 2

¹ Or, *Or ever
the earth and
the world gave
birth*

¹ Or ever thou ² hadst formed the earth and the
world,

² Heb. *gavest
birth to.*

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art
God.

³ Or, *dust*

Thou turnest man to ³ destruction ; 3

¹ Heb.

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

crushing.

For a thousand years in thy sight 4

⁴ Or, *when it
passeth*

Are but as yesterday ⁴ when it is past,

And as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they 5
are as a sleep:

In the morning they are like grass which grow-
eth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ; 6

In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed in thine anger, 7

And in thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, 8

Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath : 9

⁵ Or, *a sound,
or, sigh*

We bring our years to an end as ⁵ a tale *that is
told.*

The days of our years are threescore years and 10
ten,

Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;

Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due
unto thee?

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein
thou hast afflicted us,

And the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.

17 And let the 'beauty of the LORD our God be ¹ See
upon us: Ps. xxvii. 4.

And establish thou the work of our hands upon
us;

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

91 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High

² Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² Or, *That*
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my *abideth...Al-*
fortress; *mighty; even*
I &c.

My God, in whom I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the
fowler,

And from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness;
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

¹ Or, *Because*
thou hast said,
The LORD is
my refuge

A thousand shall fall at thy side, 7
 And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
 But it shall not come nigh thee.
 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, 8
 And see the reward of the wicked.
¹ For thou, O LORD, art my refuge ! 9
 Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;
 There shall no evil befall thee, 10
 Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, 11
 To keep thee in all thy ways.
 They shall bear thee up in their hands, 12
 Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder : 13
 The young lion and the dragon shalt thou
 trample under feet.
 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore 14
 will I deliver him :
 I will set him on high, because he hath known
 my name.
 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him : 15
 I will be with him in trouble ;
 I will deliver him, and honour him.
 With long life will I satisfy him, 16
 And shew him my salvation.

A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day. 92

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, 1
 And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most
 High :
 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the 2
 morning,
 And thy faithfulness every night,
 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the 3
 psaltery ;
 With a solemn sound upon the harp.
 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy 4
 work :

I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 How great are thy works, O LORD!

Thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not;

Neither doth a fool understand this:

7 When the wicked spring as the grass,

And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;

It is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, O LORD, art on high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD,

For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of*
the wild-ox:

I am anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on ^{1 Or, them} mine ^{that lie in wait}
enemies, ^{for me}

Mine ears have heard *my desire* of the evil doers
that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 They ~~that~~ are planted in the house of the LORD

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

They shall be full of sap and green;

15 To shew that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness
in him.

93 1 The LORD reigneth; he is apparelled with ma-
jesty;

The LORD is apparelled, he hath girded himself
with strength:

The world also is stablished, that it cannot be
moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old:

Thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

The floods have lifted up their voice ;
¹ Or, *roaring* The floods lift up their ¹waves.
 Above the voices of many waters, 4
 The mighty breakers of the sea,
 The LORD on high is mighty.
 Thy testimonies are very sure : 5
 Holiness becometh thine house,
 O LORD, for evermore.

O God of vengeance, Jehovah, 1 94
 O God of vengeance, shine forth.
 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth : 2
 Render to the proud *their* desert.
 LORD, how long shall the wicked, 3
 How long shall the wicked exult ?
 They prate, they speak arrogantly : 4
 All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, 5
 And afflict thine heritage.
 They slay the widow and the stranger, 6
 And murder the fatherless.
 And they say, JAH shall not see, 7
 Neither shall the God of Jacob consider.
 Consider, ye brutish among the people : 8
 And ye fools, when will ye be wise ?
 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ? 9
 He that formed the eye, shall he not see ?
² Or, *instructeth* He that ²chastiseth the nations, shall not he 10
 correct,
 Even he that teacheth man knowledge ?
 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, 11
 That they are vanity.
 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, 12
 O JAH,
 And teachest out of thy law ;
 That thou mayest give him rest from the days 13
 of adversity,
 Until the pit be digged for the wicked.

- 14 For the LORD will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgement shall return unto righteousness :
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers ?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of
iniquity ?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth ;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the 'throne of wickedness have fellowship ^{1 Or, seat}
with thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute ?
21 They gather themselves together against the
soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the LORD hath been my high tower ;
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he hath brought upon them their own
iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own evil ;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

- 95 ¹ Oh come, let us sing unto the LORD :
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation.
² Let us come before his presence with thanks-
giving,
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
³ For the LORD is a great God,
And a great King above all gods ;
⁴ In his hand are the deep places of the earth ;
The ²heights of the mountains are his also. ^{2 Or, strength}
⁵ The sea is his, and he made it ;
And his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down ; 6

Let us kneel before the LORD our maker :

For he is our God, 7

And we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.

¹ Or, *To day
if ye will hear
his voice,*

Harden &c.

*Or, To day,
if ye will hear
his voice†*

² That is,
strife.

³ That is,
temptation.

¹To day if ye will hear his voice :

Harden not your heart, as at ²Meribah, 8

As in the day of ³Massah in the wilderness :

When your fathers tempted me ; 9

They proved me, yea, they saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with *that* gene- 10
ration,

And said, It is a people that do err in their
heart,

And they have not known my ways :

Wherefore I swear in my wrath, 11

They shall not enter into my rest.

Oh sing unto the LORD a new song : 1 96

Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD, bless his name ; 2

Shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, 3

His marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be 4
praised :

He is to be feared above all gods.

⁴ Or, *things
of nought*

For all the gods of the peoples are 'idols : 5

But the LORD made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him : 6

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples, 7

Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his 8
name :

Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁵ Or, *in holy
array*

O worship the LORD ⁵in the beauty of holiness : 9

Tremble before him, all the earth.

- 10 Say among the nations, The LORD reigneth :
 The world also is stablished that it cannot be
 moved :
 He shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth re-
 joice ;
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;
- 12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein ;
 Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy ;
- 13 Before the LORD, for he cometh ;
 For he cometh to judge the earth :
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with his 'truth.

¹ Or,
faithfulness

- 97 1 The LORD reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ;
 Let the multitude of isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him :
 Righteousness and judgment are the foundation
 of his throne.
- 3 A fire goeth before him,
 And burneth up his adversaries round about.
- 4 His lightnings lightened the world :
 The earth saw, and trembled.
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the
 LORD,
 At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness,
 And all the peoples saw his glory.
- 7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images,
 That boast themselves of idols :
 Worship him, all ye gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad,
 And the daughters of Judah rejoiced ;
 Because of thy judgements, O LORD.
- 9 For thou, LORD, art most high above all the
 earth :
 Thou art exalted far above all gods.
- 10 O ye that love the LORD, hate evil :

He preserveth the souls of his saints ;
 He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
 Light is sown for the righteous, 11
 And gladness for the upright in heart.
 Be glad in the LORD, ye righteous ; 12
 And give thanks ¹for a remembrance of his
 holiness.

¹ Or, *to his
 holy name*
 (Heb.
memorial)
 See Ex. iii. 15.

A Psalm.

98

Oh sing unto the LORD a new song ; 1
 For he hath done marvellous things :
 His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought
 salvation for him.
 The LORD hath made known his salvation : 2
 His righteousness hath he openly shewed in the
 sight of the nations.
 He hath remembered his mercy and his faith- 3
 fulness
 Toward the house of Israel :
 All the ends of the earth have seen
 The salvation of our God.
 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth : 4
 Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
 Sing praises unto the LORD with the harp ; 5
 With the harp, and the voice of melody.
 With trumpets and sound of cornet 6
 Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ; 7
 The world, and they that dwell therein ;
 Let the floods clap their hands ; 8
 Let the hills together sing for joy ;
 Before the LORD, for he cometh to judge the earth : 9
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with equity.

The LORD reigneth ; let the peoples tremble : 199
 He ²sitteth upon the cherubim ; let the earth be
 moved.

² Or, *dwelleth
 between*

- 2 The LORD is great in Zion ;
 And he is high above all the peoples.
 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name :
 Holy is he.

 4 The king's strength also loveth judgement ;
 Thou dost establish equity,
 Thou executest judgement and righteousness in
 Jacob.
 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
 And worship at his footstool :
 Holy is he.

 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 And Samuel among them that call upon his
 name ;
 They called upon the LORD, and he answered
 them.
 7 He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud :
 They kept his testimonies, and the statute that
 he gave them.
 8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God :
 Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
 Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
 9 Exalt the LORD our God,
 And worship at his holy hill ;
 For the LORD our God is holy.

100

A Psalm ¹for the thank-offering.

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, ²all ye lands.
 2 Serve the LORD with gladness :
 Come before his presence with singing.
 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God :
 It is he that hath made us, ³and his we are ;
 We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 4 Enter into his gates with ⁴thanksgiving,
 And into his courts with praise :
 Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

¹ Or, of
thanksgiving² Heb. all the
earth.³ Another
reading is,
and not we
ourselves.⁴ Or, a
thank-offering

For the LORD is good ; his mercy *endureth* for 5
 ever ;
 And his faithfulness unto all generations.

Of David, a Psalm.

101

I will sing of mercy and judgement : 1
 Unto thee, O LORD, will I sing praises.
 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. 2
 Oh when wilt thou come unto me ?
 I will walk within my house with a perfect
 heart.
 I will set no base thing before mine eyes : 3
 I hate ¹the work of them that turn aside ;
 It shall not cleave unto me.
 A froward heart shall depart from me : 4
 I will know no evil.
 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him 5
 will I destroy :
 Him that hath an high look and a proud heart
 will I not suffer.
 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, 6
 that they may dwell with me :
 He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall
 minister unto me.
 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within 7
 my house :
 He that speaketh falsehood shall not be esta-
 blished before mine eyes.
 Morning by morning will I destroy all the 8
 wicked of the land ;
 To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the
 city of the LORD.

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is over- 102
 whelmed, and poureth out his complaint be-
 fore the LORD.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, 1
 And let my cry come unto thee.

¹ Or, the doing
 of unfaith-
 fulness

- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my
distress :
Incline thine ear unto me ;
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days are consumed ¹like smoke, ¹ Or, in smoke
And my bones are burned as a firebrand.
- 4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered ;
For I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning
My bone cleaveth to my flesh.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness ;
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
- 7 I watch, and am become
Like a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day ;
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping.
- 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath :
For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a shadow that ²declineth ; ² Or, is stretched out
And I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, O LORD, ³ shalt abide for ever ; ³ Or, sittest as king
And thy memorial unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion :
For ~~the~~ time to have pity upon her, yea, the set
time, is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And have pity upon her dust.
- 15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory,
- 16 For the LORD hath built up Zion,
He hath appeared in his glory :
- 17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,
And hath not despised their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to
come :

And a people which shall be created shall praise
¹the LORD.

¹ Heb. *ḡau.*

For he hath looked down from the height of his 19
 sanctuary;

From heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

To hear the sighing of the prisoner; 20

² Heb. *the children of death.*

To loose ²those that are appointed to death;

That men may declare the name of the LORD in 21

Zion,

And his praise in Jerusalem;

When the peoples are gathered together, 22

And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

³ Another reading is, *He afflicted with his strength.*

³He weakened my strength in the way; 23

He shortened my days.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the 24

midst of my days:

Thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the 25
 earth:

And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: 26

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they
 shall be changed:

But thou art the same, 27

And thy years shall have no end.

The children of thy servants shall continue, 28

And their seed shall be established before thee.

Of David.

103

Bless the LORD, O my soul: 1

And all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, 2

And forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; 3

Who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; 4

- Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and
tender mercies:
- 5 Who satisfieth ¹thy mouth with good things ;
Thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
- 6 The LORD executeth righteous acts,
And judgements for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and gracious,
Longsuffering, and abundant in mercy.
- 9 He will not always chide :
Neither will he keep *anger* for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins ;
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear
him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from
us.
- 13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth our frame ;
He remembereth that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are as grass :
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children ;
- 18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do
them.
- 19 The LORD hath established his throne in the
heavens ;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, ye angels of his :

¹ Or, *thy*
prime
Heb. *thine*
ornament.

Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
 Harkening unto the voice of his word.
 Bless the LORD, all ye his hosts ; 21
 Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
 Bless the LORD, all ye his works, 22
 In all places of his dominion :
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. 1 104

O LORD my God, thou art very great ;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 Who coverest thyself with light as with a gar- 2
 ment :

Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :
 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the 3
 waters :

Who maketh the clouds his chariot :
 Who walketh upon the wings of the wind :
 Who maketh ¹winds his messengers ; 4
 His ministers a flaming fire :

¹ Or, *his
angels winds*

² Heb. *He
founded the
earth upon her
bases.*

²Who laid the foundations of the earth, 5
 That it should not be moved for ever.
 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a 6
 vesture :

The waters stood above the mountains.
 At thy rebuke they fled ; 7
 At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away ;

³ Or, *(The
mountains
rose, the
valleys sank
down ;)*

³They went up by the mountains, they went 8
 down by the valleys,
 Unto the place which thou hadst founded for
 them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass 9
 over ;

That they turn not again to cover the earth.
 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys ; 10
 They run among the mountains,
 They give drink to every beast of the field : 11
 The wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,

They ¹sing among the branches.

¹ Heb. utter their voice.

13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers :
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the ²service of man :
That he may bring forth ³food out of the earth ;

² Or, labour

³ Heb. bread.

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,

⁴And oil to make his face to shine,

⁴ Heb. To make his face to shine with oil.

And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are ⁵satisfied ;

⁵ See ver. 13.

The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;

17 Where the birds make their nests :

As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high mountains are for the wild goats ;

The rocks are a refuge for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons :

The sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night ;

Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey,

And seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they get them away,

And lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work

And to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works !

In wisdom hast thou made them all :

The earth is full of thy riches.

25 Yonder sea, great and wide,

Therein are things creeping innumerable,

Both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships :

There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to play ⁶therein.

⁶ Or, with him
See Job xli. 5.

27 These wait all upon thee ;

That thou mayest give them their meat in due
 season.
 That thou givest unto them they gather : 28
 Thou openest thine hand, they are satisfied with
 good.
 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled : 29
 Thou takest away their breath, they die,
 And return to their dust.
 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created : 30
 And thou renewest the face of the ground.
 Let the glory of the LORD endure for ever : 31
 Let the LORD rejoice in his works.
 Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth : 32
 He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live : 33
 I will sing praise to my God while I have any
 being.
 Let my meditation be sweet unto him : 34
 I will rejoice in the LORD.
 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, 35
 And let the wicked be no more.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
¹Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name ; 105
 Make known his doings among the peoples.
 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him ; 2
 Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
 Glory ye in his holy name : 3
 Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
 Seek ye the LORD and his strength : 4
 Seek his face evermore.
 Remember his marvellous works that he hath 5
 done ;
 His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth ;
 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, 6
 Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

- 7 He is the LORD our God :
His judgements are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,
The word which he commanded to a thousand
generations ;
9 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
And his oath unto Isaac ;
10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant :
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The ¹lot of your inheritance :
12 When they were but a few men in number ;
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it ;
13 And they went about from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people ;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong :
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes ;
15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
16 And he called for a famine upon the land ;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them ;
Joseph was sold for a servant :
18 His feet they hurt with fetters ;
²He was laid in *chains of iron* :
19 Until the time that his word came to pass ;
The word of the LORD tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him ;
Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance :
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure ;
And teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt ;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham,
24 And he increased his people greatly ;
And made them stronger than their adversaries.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,

¹ Heb. *cord*,
or, *line*.

² Heb. *His*
soul entered
into the iron.

To deal subtilly with his servants.
 He sent Moses his servant ; 26
 And Aaron whom he had chosen.
 They set among them ¹his signs, 27
 And wonders in the land of Ham.
 He sent darkness, and made it dark ; 28
 And they rebelled not against his words.
 He turned their waters into blood, 29
 And slew their fish.
 Their land swarmed with frogs, 30
 In the chambers of their kings.
 He spake, and there came ²swarms of flies, 31
 And ³lice in all their border.
 He gave them hail for rain, 32
 And flaming fire in their land.
 He smote their vines also and their fig trees ; 33
 And brake the trees of their border.
 He spake, and the locust came, 34
 And the cankerworm, and that without number,
 And did eat up every herb in their land, 35
 And did eat up the fruit of their ground.
 He smote also the firstborn in their land, 36
 The ⁴chief of all their strength.
 And he brought them forth with silver and gold : 37
 And there was ⁵not one feeble person among
 his tribes.
 Egypt was glad when they departed : 38
 For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
 He spread a cloud for a covering ; 39
 And fire to give light in the night.
 They asked, and he brought quails, 40
 And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out ; 41
 They ran in the dry places like a river.
 For he remembered his holy word, 42
 And Abraham his servant.
 And he brought forth his people with joy, 43
 And his chosen with singing :

¹ Heb. *the words of his signs.*

² Or, *the dogfly*

³ Or, *gnats*

⁴ Heb. *beginning.*

⁵ Or, *none that stumbled*

- 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations ;
And they took the labour of the peoples in possession ;
45 That they might keep his statutes,
And observe his laws.
1Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

- 106 1 Praise ye the LORD.
O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD ?
Or shew forth all his praise ?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgement,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that
thou bearest unto thy people :
O visit me with thy salvation ;
5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done
wickedly.
7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in
Egypt ;
They remembered not the multitude of thy
mercies ;
But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red
sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make his mighty power to be
known.
9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was
dried up :
So he led them through the depths, as through
the wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him that
hated them,

And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
 And the waters covered their adversaries : 11
 There was not one of them left.
 Then believed they his words ; 12
 They sang his praise.
 They soon forgot his works ; 13
 They waited not for his counsel :
 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, 14
 And tempted God in the desert.
 And he gave them their request ; 15
 But sent leanness into their soul.
 They envied Moses also in the camp, 16
 And Aaron the ¹saint of the LORD.
 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, 17
 And covered the company of Abiram.
 And a fire was kindled in their company ; 18
 The flame burned up the wicked.
 They made a calf in Horeb, 19
 And worshipped a molten image.
 Thus they changed their glory 20
 For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
 They forgot God their saviour, 21
 Which had done great things in Egypt ;
 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, 22
 And terrible things by the Red sea.
 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, 23
 Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in
 the breach,
 To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy
 them.
 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, 24
 They believed not his word :
 But murmured in their tents, 25
 And hearkened not unto the voice of the
 LORD.
 Therefore he lifted up his hand unto them, 26
 That he would ²overthrow them in the wilder-
 ness :

¹ Or, *holy*

² Heb. *make them fall.*

- 27 And that he would ¹ overthrow their seed among
the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
- 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their
doings :
And the plague brake in upon them.
- 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judge-
ment :
And so the plague was stayed.
- 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness
Unto all generations for evermore.
- 32 They angered him also at the waters of ²Meri- ² Or, *strife*
bah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :
- 33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the LORD commanded them :
- 35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works :
- 36 And they served their idols ;
Which became a snare unto them :
- 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daugh-
ters unto demons,
- 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their
sons and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan ;
And the land was polluted with blood.
- 39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And went a whoring in their doings.
- 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled
against his people,
And he abhorred his inheritance.
- 41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations ;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,

And they were brought into subjection under
their hand.

Many times did he deliver them ; 43

But they were rebellious in their counsel,

And were brought low in their iniquity.

Nevertheless he regarded their distress, 44

When he heard their cry :

And he remembered for them his covenant, 45

And repented according to the multitude of his
mercies.

He made them also to be pitied 46

Of all those that carried them captives.

Save us, O LORD our God, 47

And gather us from among the nations,

To give thanks unto thy holy name,

And to triumph in thy praise.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 48

From everlasting even to everlasting.

And let all the people say, Amen.

¹Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

BOOK V.

- 107 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the
adversary ;
- ³ And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east, and from the west, from the
north, and ¹from the south.
- ⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a desert
way ;
They found no city of habitation.
- ⁵ Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
- ⁶ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
- ⁷ And he led them by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
- ⁸ Oh that men would praise the LORD for his
goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of
men !
- ⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.
- ¹⁰ Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
Being bound in affliction and iron ;
- ¹¹ Because they rebelled against the words of
God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High :

¹ Heb. *from
the sea.*

Therefore he brought down their heart with 12
labour;

They fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, 13

And he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow 14
of death,

And brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his 15
goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of
men!

For he hath broken the gates of brass, 16

And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Fools because of their transgression, 17

And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; 18

And they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, 19

And he saveth them out of their distresses.

He sendeth his word, and healeth them, 20

¹ Heb. *pits*. And delivereth *them* from their ¹destructions.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his 21
goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of
men!

And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, 22

And declare his works with singing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, 23

That do business in great waters;

These see the works of the LORD, 24

And his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, 25

Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down 26
again to the depths:

- Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And ¹are at their wits' end. ¹ Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up.*
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
So he bringeth them unto ²the haven where they would be. ² Heb. *the haven of their desire.*
31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 And let them exalt him in the assembly of the people,
And praise him in the seat of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,
And a dry land into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city of habitation;
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
And get them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are minished and bowed down
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the waste,
where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,

And maketh *him* families like a flock.
 The upright shall see it, and be glad : 42
 And all iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
 Whoso is wise will give heed to these things, 43
 And they will consider the mercies of the LORD.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

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¹ See Ps. lvii. 7—11. ¹ My heart is fixed, O God ; 1
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my
 glory.
 Awake, psaltery and harp : 2
² Or, *I will awake the dawn* ² I myself will awake right early.
 I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among 3
 the peoples :
 And I will sing praises unto thee among the
 nations.
 For thy mercy is great above the heavens, 4
 And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.
 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; 5
 And thy glory above all the earth.
³ See Ps. lx. 5—12. ³ That thy beloved may be delivered : 6
 Save with thy right hand, and answer us.
 God hath spoken in his holiness ; I will exult : 7
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley
 of Succoth.
 Gilead is mine ; Manasseh is mine ; 8
 Ephraim also is the defence of mine head ;
⁴ Or, *lawgiver* Judah is my ⁴ sceptre ;
 Moab is my washpot ; 9
 : ⁵ Upon Edom will I cast my shoe ;
 Over Philistia will I shout.
 Who will bring me into the fenced city ? 10
⁵ Or, *Who will lead me &c.* ⁵ Who hath led me unto Edom ?
⁶ Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest...hosts?* ⁶ Hast not thou cast us off, O God ? 11
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
 Give us help from the adversary : 12
⁷ Heb. *salvation.* For vain is the ⁷ help of man.
 Through God we shall do valiantly : 13

For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

109 For the chief Musician ; A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise ;
- 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me :
They have spoken ¹ unto me with a lying ¹ Or, *against* tongue.
- 3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.
- 4 For my love they are my adversaries :
But I *give myself* unto prayer.
- 5 And they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
- 6 Set thou a wicked man over him :
And let ² an adversary stand at his right hand. ² Or, *Satan*
- 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty :
But let his prayer ³ be turned into sin. ³ Or, *become*
- 8 Let his days be few ;
And let another take his office.
- 9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
- 10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg :
And let them seek *their bread* ⁴ out of their ⁴ Or, *far from* desolate places.
- 11 Let the extortioner ⁵ catch all that he hath ; ⁵ Heb. *snare*.
And let strangers make spoil of his labour.
- 12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him ;
Neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his posterity be cut off ;
In the generation following let their name be blotted out.
- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD ;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Let them be before the LORD continually, 15
That he may cut off the memory of them from
the earth.

Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, 16
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
And the broken in heart, to slay them.

Yea, he loved cursing and it came unto him: 17
And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far
from him.

He clothed himself also with cursing as with his 18
garment,

And it came into his inward parts like water,
And like oil into his bones.

Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he 19
covereth himself,

And for the girdle wherewith he is girded con-
tinually.

This is the reward of mine adversaries from the 20
LORD,

And of them that speak evil against my soul.

But deal thou with me, O Jehovah the Lord, 21
for thy name's sake :

Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me,
For I am poor and needy, 22

And my heart is wounded within me.

¹ Or, *is stretched out* I am gone like the shadow when it ¹declineth : 23
I am tossed up and down as the locust.

² Or, *totter* My knees ²are weak through fasting; 24

³ Or, *Though they curse, yet thou wilt bless; when they arise, they shall be ashamed, but thy servant shall rejoice. Mine adversaries shall be clothed &c. and they shall cover &c.* And my flesh faileth of fatness.

I became also a reproach unto them : 25

When they see me, they shake their head.

Help me, O LORD my God : 26

O save me according to thy mercy :

That they may know that this is thy hand ; 27

That thou, LORD, hast done it.

³ Let them curse, but bless thou : 28

When they arise, let them be ashamed ; but let
thy servant rejoice.

- 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonour,
And let them cover themselves with their own
shame as with a mantle.
30 I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my
mouth ;
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the
needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at
my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The LORD shall send forth the rod of thy
strength out of Zion :
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people ¹offer themselves willingly ²in the
day of thy power :
³In the beauties of holiness, ⁴from the womb of
the morning,
Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent,
Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Melchizedek.
5 The Lord at thy right hand
Hath stricken through kings in the day of his
wrath.
6 He shall judge among the nations,
⁶He hath filled *all places* with dead bodies ;
He hath stricken through ⁶the heads over many
countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way :
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

¹ Heb. are
freewill-
offerings.

² Or, in the
day of thy
power, in the
beauties of
holiness : from
&c.

³ According
to another
reading, *On the
mountains of
holiness.*

⁴ Or, more
than from the
womb of the
morning,
thou &c.

⁵ Or, All
places are full
of &c.

⁶ Or, the head
over the whole
earth

111 1 ⁷ Praise ye the LORD.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole
heart,

⁷ Heb.
Hallelujah.

In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, 2
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honour and majesty : 3
And his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered : 4

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

¹ Heb. *prey*. He hath given ¹meat unto them that fear him : 5

He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, 6

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are truth and judgement ; 7

All his precepts are sure.

They are established for ever and ever, 8

² Or, *made* They are ²done in truth and uprightness.

He hath sent redemption unto his people : 9

He hath commanded his covenant for ever :

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom : 10

³ Or, *Good success* ³ A good understanding have all they that do

⁴ thereafter :

⁴ Heb. *them*.

His praise endureth for ever.

⁵ Heb. *Hallelujah*.

⁵ Praise ye the LORD.

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Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,

That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : 2

The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house : 3

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness : 4

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

- 5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously,
and lendeth;

He will maintain his cause in judgement.

- 6 For he shall never be moved;

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

- 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :

His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

- 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.

- 9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;
His righteousness endureth for ever ;

His horn shall be exalted with honour.

- 10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;

He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away :

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

113 1 Praise ye the LORD.

Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,

Praise the name of the LORD.

- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD

From this time forth and for evermore.

- 3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down
of the same

The LORD's name is to be praised.

- 4 The LORD is high above all nations,

And his glory above the heavens.

- 5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,

That hath his seat on high,

- 6 That humbleth *himself*² to behold

The things that are in heaven and in the earth ?

- 7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill ;

- 8 That he may set him with princes,

Even with the princes of his people.

- 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

² Or, *to regard
the heavens
and the earth*

And to be a joyful mother of children.

¹ Heb.

Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

When Israel went forth out of Egypt, 1 114

The house of Jacob from a people of strange
language ;

Judah became his sanctuary, 2

Israel his dominion.

The sea saw it, and fled ! 3

Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, 4

The little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest ? 5

Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back ?

Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams ; 6

Ye little hills, like young sheep ?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the 7
Lord,

At the presence of the God of Jacob ;

Which turned the rock into a pool of water, 8

The flint into a fountain of waters.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, 1 115

But unto thy name give glory,

For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the nations say, 2

Where is now their God ?

But our God is in the heavens : 3

He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold, 4

The work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not : 5

Eyes have they, but they see not :

They have ears, but they hear not : 6

Noses have they, but they smell not :

They have hands, but they handle not : 7

Feet have they, but they walk not :

Neither speak they through their throat.

- 8 They that make them shall be like unto them ;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord :
He is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the LORD :
He is their help and their shield.
- 11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD :
He is their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD hath been mindful of us ; he will
bless *us* :
He will bless the house of Israel ;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He will bless them that fear the LORD,
Both small and great.
- 14 The Lord increase you more and more,
You and your children.
- 15 Blessed are ye of the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD :
But the earth hath he given to the children
of men.
- 17 The dead praise not ¹ the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence,
- 18 But we will bless ¹ the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.
² Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb. *YAH*.² Heb.
Hallelujah.

- 116 ¹ I love the LORD, because he hath heard
My voice and my supplications.
- ² Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.
- ³ The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of ³ Sheol ⁴ gat hold upon me :
I found trouble and sorrow.
- ⁴ Then called I upon the name of the LORD ;
O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
- ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous ;
Yea, our God is merciful.

³ Or, *the grave*⁴ Or, *found
me*

The LORD preserveth the simple: 6
 I was brought low, and he saved me.
 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; 7
 For the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, 8
 Mine eyes from tears,
 And my feet from falling.
 I will walk before the LORD 9
 In the ¹land of the living.
²I believe, for I will speak: 10
 I was greatly afflicted:
 I said, when I made haste *to escape*, 11
 All men are ³a lie.
 What shall I render unto the LORD 12
 For all his benefits toward me?
 I will take the cup of salvation, 13
 And call upon the name of the LORD.
 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, 14
 Yea, in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD 15
 Is the death of his saints.
 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; 16
 I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid!
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks- 17
 giving,
 And will call upon the name of the LORD.
 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, 18
 Yea, in the presence of all his people,
 In the courts of the LORD's house, 19
 In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
⁴Praise ye the LORD.
 Oh praise the LORD, all ye nations: 1 117
 Laud him, all ye peoples.
 For his mercy is great towards us: 2
 And the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever.
⁴Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb. *lands*.² Or, *I believed* when I spoke thus³ Heb. *a liar*.⁴ Heb. *Hallelujah*.

- 118 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ² Let Israel now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ³ Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ⁴ Let them now that fear the LORD say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- ⁵ Out of my distress I called upon ¹the LORD : ¹ Heb. *ſ. an.*
⁶The LORD answered me *and set me* in a large
place.
- ⁶ The LORD is on my side ; I will not fear :
What can man do unto me ?
- ⁷ The LORD is on my side among them that
help me :
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that
hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
- ⁹ It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
- ¹⁰ All nations compassed me about :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹¹ They compassed me about ; yea, they compassed
me about :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹² They compassed me about like bees ; they are
quenched as the fire of thorns :
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- ¹³ Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall :
But the LORD helped me.
- ¹⁴ ¹The LORD is my strength and song ;
And he is become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the
tents of the righteous :
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted :

The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
 I shall not die, but live, 17
 And declare the works of ¹the LORD.
¹ Heb. *YAH.* ¹The LORD hath chastened me sore : 18
 But he hath not given me over unto death.
 Open to me the gates of righteousness : 19
 I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto
¹the LORD.
 This is the gate of the LORD ; 20
 The righteous shall enter into it.
 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast 21
 answered me,
 And art become my salvation.
 The stone which the builders rejected 22
 Is become the head of the corner.
² Heb. *This is from the LORD.* ²This is the LORD'S doing ; 23
 It is marvellous in our eyes.
 This is the day which the LORD hath made ; 24
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.
 Save now, we beseech thee, O LORD : 25
 O LORD, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
 Blessed be he that ²cometh in the name of 26
 the LORD :
 We have blessed you out of the house of
 the LORD.
 The LORD is God, and hath given us light : 27
 Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the
 horns of the altar.
 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto 28
 thee :
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 Oh give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good : 29
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⌘ ALEPH.

119

Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, 1
 Who walk in the law of the LORD.
 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, 2

- That seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness :
They walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded *us* thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
5 Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes !
6 Then shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all thy command-
ments.
7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of
heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgments.
8 I will observe thy statutes :
Oh forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?
By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee :
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I laid up in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O LORD :
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgements of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes :
I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live,
So will I observe thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold

Wondrous things out of thy law.
 I am a sojourner in the earth: 19
 Hide not thy commandments from me.
 My soul breaketh for the longing 20
 That it hath unto thy judgements at all times.
 Thou hast rebuked the proud ¹that are cursed, 21
 Which do wander from thy commandments.
 Take away from me reproach and contempt ; 22
 For I have kept thy testimonies.
 Princes also sat and talked against me : 23
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
 Thy testimonies also are my delight 24
And ²my counsellors.

¹ Or, *cursed*
are they which
&c.

² Heb. *the men*
of my counsel.

7 DALETH.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust : 25
 Quicken thou me according to thy word.
 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me : 26
 Teach me thy statutes.
 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts : 27
 So shall I meditate of thy wondrous works.
 My soul ³melteth for heaviness : 28
 Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
 Remove from me the way of falsehood : 29
 And grant me thy law graciously.
 I have chosen the way of faithfulness : 30
 Thy judgements have I set *before me*.
 I cleave unto thy testimonies : 31
 O LORD, put me not to shame.
 I will run the way of thy commandments, 32
 When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

³ Heb.
droppeth.

7 HE.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes ; 33
 And I shall keep it unto the end.
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep 34
 thy law ;
 Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

- 35 Make me to go in the path of thy command-
ments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in thy ways.
38 Confirm thy word unto thy servant,
Which belongeth unto thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid :
For thy judgements are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts :
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

† VAU.

- 41 Let thy mercies also come unto me, O LORD,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him that re-
proacheth me :
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out
of my mouth ;
For I have hoped in thy judgements.
44 So shall I observe thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty :
For I have sought thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy command-
ments, which I have loved ;
And I will meditate in thy statutes.

† ZAIN.

- 49 Remember the word unto thy servant
1 Because thou hast made me to hope.

1 Or, *Wherein*

- This is my comfort in my affliction: 50
¹ Or, *That* ¹For thy word hath quickened me.
 The proud have had me greatly in derision: 51
Yet have I not swerved from thy law.
 I have remembered thy judgements of old, O 52
 LORD;
 And have received comfort.
² Or, *Burning indignation* ²Horrour hath taken hold upon me 53
 Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
 Thy statutes have been my songs 54
 In the house of my pilgrimage.
 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the 55
 night,
 And have observed thy law.
 This I have had 56
³ Or, *That I have kept* ³Because I kept thy precepts.

□ CHETH.

- ⁴ Or, *The LORD is my portion, have I said: that I may observe &c.* ⁴The LORD is my portion: 57
 I have said that I would observe thy words.
 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: 58
 Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
 I thought on my ways, 59
 And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
 I made haste, and delayed not, 60
 To observe thy commandments.
 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round: 61
 But I have not forgotten thy law.
 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee 62
 Because of thy righteous judgements.
 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, 63
 And of them that observe thy precepts.
 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: 64
 Teach me thy statutes.

▢ TETH.

- Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, 65
 O LORD, according unto thy word.

- 66 Teach me good judgement and knowledge:
For I have believed thy commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray:
But now I observe thy word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me thy statutes.
- 69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in thy law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn thy statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

† JOD.

- 73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
- 74 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad;
Because I have hoped in thy word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements are righteous,
And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
- 76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
- 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:
For thy law is my delight.
- 78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they have overthrown me wrongfully:
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
- 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
¹And they shall know thy testimonies.
- 80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes;
That I be not ashamed.

¹ Another reading is,
Even they that know.

CAPH.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation : 81
But I have hoped in thy word.
 Mine eyes fail for thy word, 82
 While I say, When wilt thou comfort me ?
 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke ; 83
 Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
 How many are the days of thy servant ? 84
 When wilt thou execute judgement on them that
 persecute me ?
 The proud have digged pits for me, 85
 Who are not after thy law.
 All thy commandments are faithful : 86
 They persecute me wrongfully ; help thou me.
 They had almost consumed me upon earth ; 87
 But I forsook not thy precepts.
 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness ; 88
 So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

For ever, O LORD, 89
 Thy word is settled in heaven.
 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations : 90
 Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
¹ They abide this day according to thine ordi- 91
 nances ;
 For all things are thy servants.
 Unless thy law had been my delight, 92
 I should then have perished in mine affliction.
 I will never forget thy precepts : 93
 For with them thou hast quickened me.
 I am thine, save me ; 94
 For I have sought thy precepts.
 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me : 95
But I will consider thy testimonies.
 I have seen an end of all perfection : 96
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

¹ Or, *As for
 thy judgements
 they abide*

MEM.

- 97 Oh how love I thy law !
 It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 ¹Thy commandments make me wiser than mine
 enemies :
 For they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers :
 For thy testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged,
 Because I have kept thy precepts.
- 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
 That I might observe thy word.
- 102 I have not turned aside from thy judgements :
 For thou hast taught me.
- 103 How sweet are thy words unto my ²taste !
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth !
- 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding :
 Therefore I hate every false way.

¹ Or, *Thou
 through thy
 command-
 ments hast
 made*

² Heb. *palate*.

NUN.

- 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
 And a light unto my path.
- 106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
 That I will observe thy righteous judgements.
- 107 I am afflicted very much :
 Quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy
 word.
- 108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill-offerings of
 my mouth, O LORD,
 And teach me thy judgements.
- 109 My soul is continually in my hand :
 Yet do I not forget thy law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me :
 Yet went I not astray from thy precepts.
- 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage
 for ever :
 For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes,
For ever, even unto the end.

□ SAMECH.

I hate them that are of a double mind : 113
But thy law do I love.
Thou art my hiding place and my shield : 114
I have hoped in thy word.
Depart from me, ye evil doers ; 115
That I may keep the commandments of my God.
Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may 116
live :
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe, 117
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.
Thou hast set at nought all them that err from 118
thy statutes :
For their deceit is falsehood.
Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth 119
like dross :
Therefore I love thy testimonies.
My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; 120
And I am afraid because of thy judgements.

γ AIN.

I have done judgement and justice : 121
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
Be surety for thy servant for good : 122
Let not the proud oppress me.
Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, 123
And for thy righteous word.
Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, 124
And teach me thy statutes.
I am thy servant, give me understanding ; 125
That I may know thy testimonies.
It is time for the LORD to work : 126
For they have made void thy law.

- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts concerning
all things to be right;
And I hate every false way.

D PE.

- 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful :
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The opening of thy words giveth light ;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted :
For I longed for thy commandments.
132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy
name.
133 Order my footsteps in thy word :
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man :
So will I observe thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes run down with rivers of waters,
Because they observe not thy law.

S TZADDI.

- 137 Righteous art thou, O LORD,
And upright ¹are thy judgements. ¹ Or, in thy judgements
138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in
righteousness
And very faithfulness.
139 My zeal hath ²consumed me, ² Heb. cut me off.
Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy
words.
140 Thy word is very ³pure, ³ Heb. tried, or, refined.
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised :
Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteous- 142
ness,
And thy law is truth.
Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: 143
Yet thy commandments are my delight.
Thy testimonies are righteous for ever: 144
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

פ KOPH.

I have called with my whole heart; answer me, 145
O LORD:

I will keep thy statutes.
I have called unto thee; save me, 146
And I shall observe thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and 147
cried:

I hoped in thy words.
Mine eyes prevented the night watches, 148

That I might meditate in thy word.
Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkind- 149
ness:

¹ Or, as thou
art wont

Quicken me, O LORD, ¹according to thy judge-
ments.

² Or, that
persecute me
with wicked-
ness

They draw nigh ²that follow after wickedness: 150

They are far from thy law.

Thou art nigh, O LORD; 151

And all thy commandments are truth.

Of old have I known from thy testimonies, 152

That thou hast founded them for ever.

ג RESH.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: 153

For I do not forget thy law.

Plead thou my cause, and redeem me: 154

Quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: 155

For they seek not thy statutes.

Thy tender mercies, O LORD, are many: 156

- Quicken me according to thy judgements.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries ;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the treacherous dealers, and was
grieved ;
Because they observed not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts :
Quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving-
kindness.
160 The sum of thy word is truth :
And every one of thy righteous judgements
endureth for ever.

SHIN.

- 161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause :
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying :
Thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgements.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law :
And they have none occasion of stumbling.
166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O LORD,
And have done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies ;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testi-
monies :
For all my ways are before thee.

TAU.

- 169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD :
Give me understanding according to thy
word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee :
Deliver me according to thy word.

Let my lips utter praise, 171
 For thou teachest me thy statutes.
 Let my tongue sing of thy word : 172
 For all thy commandments are righteousness.
 Let thine hand be ready to help me ; 173
 For I have chosen thy precepts.
 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD ; 174
 And thy law is my delight.
 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ; 175
 And let thy judgements help me.
 I have gone astray like a lost sheep ; seek thy 176
 servant :
 For I do not forget thy commandments.

A Song of Ascents.

120

In my distress I cried unto the LORD, 1
 And he answered me.
 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, 2
 And from a deceitful tongue.
 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall 3
 be done more unto thee,
 Thou deceitful tongue ?
¹Sharp arrows of the mighty, 4
 With coals of ²juniper.
 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, 5
 That I dwell among the tents of Kedar !
 My soul hath long had her dwelling 6
 With him that hateth peace.
 I am *for* peace : 7
 But when I speak, they are for war.

¹ Or, It is as
 the sharp
 arrows of the
 mighty man
² Or, broom

A Song of Ascents.

121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains : 1
 From whence shall my help come ?
 My help *cometh* from the LORD, 2
 Which made heaven and earth.
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : 3
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
 Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 5 The LORD is thy keeper :
 The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
 Nor the moon by night.
 7 The LORD shall keep thee from all evil :
 He shall keep thy soul.
 8 The LORD shall keep thy going out and thy
 coming in,
 From this time forth, even for evermore.

122 A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me,
 Let us go unto the house of the LORD.
 2 Our feet ¹are standing ¹ Or, have stood
 Within thy gates, O Jerusalem :
 3 Jerusalem, that art builded *Am*
 As a city that is compact together :
 4 Whither the tribes go up, *an ordinance*
 The tribes of ²the LORD, a testimony unto Israel, ² Heb. *YAH*.
 To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
 5 For there are set thrones for judgement,
 The thrones of the house of David.
 6 ³Pray for the peace of Jerusalem : ³ Or, Salute Jerusalem
 They shall prosper that love thee.
 7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
 I will now say, Peace be within thee.
 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God
 I will seek thy good.

123 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
 O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the
 hand of their masters,

As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her
 mistress ;
 So our eyes *look* unto the LORD our God,
 Until he have mercy upon us.
 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy 3
 upon us :
 For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
 Our soul is exceedingly filled. 4
 With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the ¹proud.

¹ Another
 reading is,
haughty
oppressors.

A Song of Ascents ; of David.

124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our 1
 side,
 Let Israel now say ;
 If it had not been the LORD who was on our 2
 side,
 When men rose up against us :
 Then they had swallowed us up alive, 3
 When their wrath was kindled against us :
 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, 4
 The stream had gone over our soul :
 Then the proud waters had gone over our 5
 soul.
 Blessed be the LORD, 6
 Who hath not given us as a prey to their
 teeth.
 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of 7
 the fowler :
 The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
 Our help is in the name of the LORD, 8
 Who made heaven and earth.

A Song of Ascents.

125

They that trust in the LORD 1
 Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved,
 but abideth for ever.
 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, 2

- So the LORD is round about his people,
 From this time forth, even for evermore.
- 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest
 upon the lot of the righteous ;
 That the righteous put not forth their hands
 unto iniquity.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good,
 And to them that are upright in their
 hearts.
- 5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked
 ways,
 The LORD shall lead them forth with the workers
 of iniquity.
 Peace be upon Israel.

126

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 When the LORD ¹turned again the captivity of
 Zion,
 Then were we like unto them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 And our tongue with singing :
 Then said they among the nations,
 The LORD hath done great things for them.
- 3 The LORD hath done great things for us ;
Whereof we are glad.
- 4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
 As the streams in the South.
- 5 They that sow in tears shall reap with joy.
- 6 He goeth on his way weeping, ²bearing forth
 the seed ;
 He cometh again with joy, bringing his sheaves
with him.

Ma.
¹ Or, brought
 back those
 that returned
 to Zion

Ma.
² Or, bearing
 the basket of
 seed

127

A Song of Ascents ; of Solomon.

- 1 Except the LORD build the house,
 They labour in vain that build it :
 Except the LORD keep the city,
 The watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you that ye rise up early, and so ²
late take rest,

That ye eat the bread of toil :

¹ Or, *in sleep*

For so he giveth unto his beloved ¹sleep.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD : ³

And the fruit of the womb is *his* reward.

As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, ⁴

So are the children of youth.

Happy is the man that hath filled his quiver ⁵
with them :

They shall not be ashamed,

When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

A Song of Ascents.

128

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD ; ¹

That walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands : ²

Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with
thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, in the inner- ³
most parts of thine house :

Thy children like olive plants, round about thy
table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed ⁴

That feareth the LORD.

The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion : ⁵

And thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all
the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children. ⁶

² Or, And
peace upon
Israel

²Peace be upon Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

129

³ Or, *Much*

³Many a time have they afflicted me from my ¹
youth up,

Let Israel now say:

³Many a time have they afflicted me from my ²
youth up :

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back :
They made long their furrows.
4 The LORD is righteous :
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.
6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth afore it ¹groweth up :
7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand ;
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they which go by say :
The blessing of the LORD be upon you ;
We bless you in the name of the LORD.

¹ Or, *be
plucked up*

130 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O
LORD.
2 Lord, hear my voice :
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
3 If thou, ²LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand ?
4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *looketh* for the Lord,
More than watchmen *look* for the morning :
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the LORD :
For with the LORD there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
8 And he shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

² Heb. *YAH.*

131 A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes
lofty :

Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
 Or in things too wonderful for me.
 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul ; 2
 Like a weaned child with his mother,
 My soul is with me like a weaned child.
 O Israel, hope in the LORD 3
 From this time forth, even for evermore.

A Song of Ascents.

132

LORD, remember for David 1
 All his affliction :
 How he sware unto the LORD, 2
 And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob ;
¹ Heb. tent. Surely I will not come into the ¹tabernacle of 3
 my house,
 Nor go up into my bed ;
 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, 4
 Or slumber to mine eyelids,
 Until I find out a place for the LORD, 5
² Heb. A tabernacle for the mighty one of Jacob.
 Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah : 6
³ Or, *Jaar*
 See 1 Chron. xiii. 5. We found it in the field of ³the wood. 7
 We will go into his tabernacles : 8
 We will worship at his footstool.
 Arise, O LORD, into thy² rest ; 8
 Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ; 9
 And let thy saints shout for joy.
 For thy servant David's sake 10
 Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
 The LORD hath sworn unto David in truth ; 11
 He will not turn from it ;
 Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy
 throne.
 If thy children will keep my covenant 12
 And my testimony that I shall teach them,
 Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for
 evermore.

- 13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion ;
 He hath desired it for his dwelling place.
 14 This is my rest for evermore :
 Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it.
 15 I will abundantly bless her provision :
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
 16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation :
 And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
 17 There will I make ¹the horn of David to bud :
 I have ²ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame :
 But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

¹ Or, a horn
 to spring forth
 unto David

² Or, prepared

133 A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
 For brethren to dwell together in unity!
 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
 That ran down upon the beard,
 Even Aaron's beard ;
 That came down upon the hem of his garments :
 3 Like the dew of Hermon,
 That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion :
 For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
 Even life for evermore.

134 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the
 LORD,
 Which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
 2 Lift up your hands ³to the sanctuary,
 And bless ye the LORD.
 3 The LORD bless thee out of Zion ;
 Even he that made heaven and earth.

³ Or, in
 holiness

- 135 1 ⁴Praise ye the LORD.
 Praise ye the name of the LORD ;
 Praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.
 2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,

⁴ Heb.
 Hallelujah.

In the courts of the house of our God.

¹ Heb. *Hallelujah.* ¹Praise ye the LORD; for the LORD is good: 3

Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

² Heb. *AH.* For ²the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, 4

And Israel for his peculiar treasure. *at the first-born of Egypt*

For I know that the LORD is great, 5

And that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that hath he done, 6

In heaven, and in earth, in the seas and all deeps.

He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends 7
of the earth;

He maketh lightnings for the rain;

He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, 8

Both of man and beast.

He sent signs and wonders into the midst of 9,
thee, O Egypt,

Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

³ Or, *great* Who smote ³many nations, 10.

And slew mighty kings;

Sihon king of the Amorites, 11

And Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan:

And gave their land for an heritage, 12

An heritage unto Israel his people.

Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; 13

Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all genera-
tions. *name*

For the LORD shall judge his people, 14

And repent himself concerning his servants.

⁴ See Ps. cxv. ⁴The idols of the nations are silver and gold, 15

4, &c. The work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not; 16

Eyes have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not; 17

Neither is there any breath in their mouths.

They that make them shall be like unto them: 18

Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

19 O house of Israel, bless ye the LORD:

O house of Aaron, bless ye the LORD:

20 O house of Levi, bless ye the LORD:

Ye that fear the LORD, bless ye the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,

Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

¹Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

136 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him that by understanding made the heavens:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 To him that made great lights:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea in sunder:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

¹ Heb.
shook off.

But ¹overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red 15
sea:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

To him which led his people through the wilder- 16
ness:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

To him which smote great kings: 17

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And slew famous kings: 18

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Sihon king of the Amorites: 19

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And Og king of Bashan: 20

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And gave their land for an heritage: 21

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: 22

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: 23

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

And hath rescued us from our adversaries: 24

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

He giveth food to all flesh: 25

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: 26

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

By the rivers of Babylon, 1 137

There we sat down, yea, we wept,

When we remembered Zion.

Upon the willows in the midst thereof 2

We hanged up our harps.

For there they that led us captive required of 3
us ²songs,

And ³they that wasted us *required of us* mirth,
saying,

Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

How shall we sing the LORD'S song 4

² Heb. *words*
of song.

³ Or, *our*
tormentors

- In a strange land?
 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
 Let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 If I remember thee not;
 If I prefer not Jerusalem
 Above my chief joy.
 7 Remember, O LORD, against the children of
 Edom
 The day of Jerusalem;
 Who said, Rase it, rase it,
 Even to the foundation thereof.
 8 O daughter of Babylon, ¹that art to be destroyed; ¹ Or, *that art*
 Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee *laid waste*
 As thou hast served us.
 9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy
 little ones
 Against the rock.

138 Of David.

- 1 I will give thee thanks with my whole heart:
 Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
 And give thanks unto thy name for thy loving-
 kindness and for thy truth:
 For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy
 name.
 3 In the day that I called thou answeredst me,
 Thou didst encourage me with strength in my
 soul.
 4 All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks,
 O LORD,
 For they have heard the words of thy mouth.
 5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
 For great is the glory of the LORD.
 6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he re-
 spect unto the lowly:
 But the haughty he knoweth from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt 7
revive me:

Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the
wrath of mine enemies,

And thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: 8

Thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever:

Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

For the chief Musician. Of David; a Psalm. 139

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. 1

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine up- 2
rising,

Thou understandest my thought afar off.

¹ Or,
compasses

Thou ¹searchest out my path and my lying down, 3

And art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, 4

But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, 5

And laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; 6

It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? 7

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: 8

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art
there.

If I take the wings of the morning, 9

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, 10

And thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm 11
me,

² Or, *Even the
night shall be
light about me*

² And the light about me shall be night;
Even the darkness hideth not from thee; 12

But the night shineth as the day:

The darkness and light *to thee* are both alike.

³ Or, *formed*

For thou hast ³possessed my reins: 13

doz 26

Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

- 14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made:

Wonderful are thy works;

And that my soul knoweth right well.

- 15 My frame was not hidden from thee,

When I was made in secret,

And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of
the earth.

- 16 Thine eyes did see mine unperfect substance,

And in thy book ¹were all *my members* written,

Which day by day were fashioned,

²When as yet there was none of them.

- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O
God!

How great is the sum of them!

- 18 If I should count them, they are more in
number than the sand:

When I awake, I am still with thee.

- 19 ³Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:

Depart from me therefore, ye blood-thirsty men.

- 20 For they ⁴speak against thee wickedly,

And thine enemies ⁵take *thy name* in vain.

- 21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?

And am not I grieved with those that rise up
against thee?

- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred:

I count them mine enemies.

- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:

Try me, and know my thoughts:

- 24 And see if there be any way of ⁶wickedness in
me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

140 For the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man:

Preserve me from the violent man;

- ² Which imagine mischiefs in their heart;

¹ Or, *they all were written, the days that were ordained*

² Another reading is, *and for it one among them.*

³ Or, *Oh that thou wouldst slay*

⁴ Or, as otherwise read, *rebel against*

⁵ Or, *lift themselves up*

⁶ Heb. *grief.*

¹ Or, *stir up wars*

Continually do they ¹gather themselves together for war.

They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; 3
Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah

Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; 4
Preserve me from the violent man;

Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.

The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; 5

They have spread a net by the wayside;

They have set gins for me. [Selah

I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: 6
Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

² Heb.
J' hovah.

O ²GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, 7
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; 8

Further not his evil device; lest they exalt themselves.

[Selah

As for the head of those that compass me about, 9

Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Let burning coals fall upon them: 10

Let them be cast into the fire;

³ Or, *floods*

Into ³deep pits, that they rise not up again.

⁴ Heb. *A man of tongue.*

⁴An evil speaker shall not be established in the 11
earth:

Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of 12
the afflicted,

And the right of the needy.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy 13
name:

The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

A Psalm of David.

141

LORD, I have called upon thee; make haste 1
unto me;

- Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.
 2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
 The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;
 Keep the door of my lips.
 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
 To be occupied in deeds of wickedness
 With men that work iniquity:
 And let me not eat of their dainties.
 5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness:
 And let him reprove me; it shall be as oil upon the head;
¹ Let not my head refuse it:
 For even in their ² wickedness shall my prayer continue.
 6 When their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock,
 They shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
 7 As when one plougheth and cleaveth the earth,
 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
 8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O ³ GOD the Lord:
 In thee do I put my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
 And the gins of the workers of iniquity.
 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
 Whilst that I withal escape.

¹ Or, Which
my head shall
not refuse

² Or,
calamities

³ Heb.
Jehovah.

142 Maschil of David; when he was in the cave: a Prayer.

- ¹ I cry with my voice unto the LORD;
 With my voice unto the LORD do I make supplication.
 2 I pour out my complaint before him;

I shew before him my trouble.
 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, 3
 thou knewest my path.
 In the way wherein I walk have they hidden a
 snare for me.

¹ According
 to some
 ancient
 versions, *I*
looked, &c.,
and saw &c.

¹ Look on *my* right hand, and see, there is no 4
 man knoweth me:

Refuge hath failed me; no man careth for my
 soul.

I cried unto thee, O LORD : 5

I said, Thou art my refuge,

My portion in the land of the living.

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very 6
 low:

Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are
 stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give 7
 thanks unto thy name:

The righteous shall compass me about;

² Or, *When*

² Because thou dealest bountifully with me.

A Psalm of David.

143

Hear my prayer, O LORD,

1

Give ear to my supplications:

In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy
 righteousness.

And enter not into judgement with thy servant: 2

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; 3

He hath smitten my life down to the ground;

He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as
 those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; 4

My heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; 5

I meditate on all thy doings;

I muse on the work of thy hands.

I spread forth my hands unto thee : 6

- My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land. [Selah]
 7 Make haste to answer me, O LORD, my spirit
 faileth :
 Hide not thy face from me ;
 Lest I become like them that go down into the
 pit.
 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the
 morning ;
 For in thee do I trust :
 Cause me to know the way wherein I should
 walk ;
 For I lift up my soul unto thee.
 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies :
 ¹ I flee unto thee to hide me.
 10 Teach me to do thy will ; for thou art my God :
 ² Thy spirit is good ; lead me in ³ the land of
 uprightness.
 11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake :
 In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
 12 And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies,
 And destroy all them that afflict my soul :
 For I am thy servant.

¹ Heb. *I hide
me with thee.*

² Or, *Let thy
good spirit
lead me*

³ Or, *a plain
country*

144

Of David.

- 1 Blessed be the LORD my rock,
 Which teacheth my hands to war,
 And my fingers to fight :
 2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress ;
 My high tower, and my deliverer ;
 My shield, and he in whom I trust ;
 Who subdueth my people under me.
 3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge
 of him,
 Or the son of man, that thou makest account of
 him !
 4 Man is like to vanity :
 His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down :

Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
 Shoot out lightning, and scatter them : 6
 Send forth thine arrows, and discomfit them.
 Send thine hand from above ; 7
 Rid me, and deliver me out of great waters,
 From the hand of strange children ;
 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, 8
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : 9
 Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises
 unto thee.
 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings : 10
 Who delivereth David his servant from the
 hurtful sword.
 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange 11
 children,
 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
 That our sons may be as plants grown up 12
 in their youth ;
 That our daughters may be as corner stones
 hewn after the fashion of a palace :
 That our garners may be full, affording all 13
 manner of store :
 That our sheep may bring forth thousands and
 ten thousands in our fields :
 That our oxen may be well laden ; 14
 That there be no breaking in, and no going
 forth ;
 And no outcry in our streets.
 Happy is the people, that is in such a case : 15
 Yea, happy is the people, whose God is the LORD.

A Psalm of praise. Of David. 145

I will extol thee, my God, O king ; 1
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
 Every day will I bless thee ; 2

- And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised ;
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 4 One generation shall laud thy works to another,
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.
 5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honour,
 And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy
 terrible acts :
 And I will declare thy greatness.
 7 They shall utter the memory of thy great good-
 ness,
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.
 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ;
 Longsuffering, and of great mercy.
 9 The LORD is good to all :
 And his tender mercies are over all his works.
 10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O
 LORD ;
 And thy saints shall bless thee.
 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
 And talk of thy power ;
 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty
 acts,
 And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
 And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all
 generations.
 14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
 And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
 15 The eyes of all ¹ wait upon thee ;
 And thou givest them their meat in due season.
 16 Thou openest thine hand,
 And ² satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
 And gracious in all his works.
 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon
 him,

¹ Or, *hope in*² Or, *satisfiest every living thing with favour*

To all that call upon him in truth.
 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : 19
 He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
 The LORD preserveth all them that love him : 20
 But all the wicked will he destroy.
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD : 21
 And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever
 and ever.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD. 1 146

Praise the LORD, O my soul.
 While I live will I praise the LORD : 2
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have
 any being.

Put not your trust in princes, 3
 Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no
² help.

² Or, *salvation*

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his 4
 earth ;

In that very day his thoughts perish.
 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his 5
 help,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God :
 Which made heaven, and earth, 6
 The sea, and all that in them is ;

Which keepeth truth for ever :
 Which executeth judgement for the oppressed ; 7
 Which giveth food to the hungry :

The LORD looseth the prisoners ;
 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind : 8
 The LORD raiseth up them that are bowed
 down :

The LORD loveth the righteous :
 The LORD preserveth the strangers ; 9
 He upholdeth the fatherless and widow :

³ Or, *maketh*
crooked

But the way of the wicked he ³ turneth upside
 down.

The LORD shall reign for ever, 10

Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

¹Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

147 ¹ Praise ye the LORD.

For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
For it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely.

² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem ;
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel :

³ Who healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their ²wounds.

² Heb.
sorrows.

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars ;
He giveth them all their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and mighty in power ;
His understanding is infinite.

⁶ The LORD upholdeth the meek :
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.

⁷ Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving ;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God :

⁸ Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹ He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.

¹¹ The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ;
Praise thy God, O Zion.

¹³ For he hath strengthened the bars of thy
gates ;

He hath blessed thy children within thee.

¹⁴ ³Who maketh peace in thy borders ;
He filleth thee with the ⁴finest of the wheat :

³ Heb. *Who
maketh thy
border peace.*

¹⁵ Who sendeth out his commandment upon earth ;
His word runneth very swiftly :

⁴ Heb. *fat
of wheat.*

¹⁶ Who giveth snow like wool ;
He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels : 17
 Who can stand before his cold ?
 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : 18
 He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters
 flow.
 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, 19
 His statutes and his judgements unto Israel.
 He hath not dealt so with any nation : 20
 And as for his judgements, they have not known
 them.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Praise ye the LORD. 1 148

Praise ye the LORD from the heavens :
 Praise him in the heights.
 Praise ye him, all his angels : 2
 Praise ye him, all his host.
 Praise ye him, sun and moon : 3
 Praise him, all ye stars of light.
 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, 4
 And ye waters that be above the heavens.
 Let them praise the name of the LORD : 5
 For he commanded, and they were created.
 He hath also stablished them for ever and 6
 ever :

² Or, *which
 shall not pass
 away*

He hath made a decree ² which none shall trans-
 gress.

Praise the LORD from the earth, 7
 Ye dragons, and all deeps :
 Fire and hail, snow and vapour, 8
 Stormy wind fulfilling his word :
 Mountains and all hills ; 9
 Fruitful trees and all cedars ;
 Beasts and all cattle ; 10
 Creeping things and flying fowl ;
 Kings of the earth and all peoples ; 11
 Princes and all judges of the earth ;
 Both young men and maidens ; 12

Old men and children ;

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD :

For his name alone is exalted ;

His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 And he hath lifted up ¹the horn of his people,

¹ Or, a horn
for his people

The praise of all his saints ;

Even of the children of Israel, a people near
unto him.

²Praise ye the LORD.

² Heb.
Hallelujah.

149 ¹ ²Praise ye the LORD.

Sing unto the LORD a new song,

And his praise in the assembly of the saints.

² Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :

Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³ Let them praise his name in the dance :

Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel
and harp.

⁴ For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people :

He will beautify the meek with salvation.

⁵ Let the saints exult in glory :

Let them sing for joy upon their beds :

⁶ With the high praises of God in their ³mouth,

³ Heb. throat.

And a two-edged sword in their hand ;

⁷ To execute vengeance upon the nations,

And punishments upon the peoples ;

⁸ To bind their kings with chains,

And their nobles with fetters of iron ;

⁹ To execute upon them the judgement written :

⁴This honour have all his saints.

⁴ Or, He is the
honour of all
his saints

²Praise ye the LORD.

150 ¹ ²Praise ye the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary :

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts :

Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :

Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and dance : 4
Praise him with ~~the~~ stringed instruments and
the pipe.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals : 5
Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the 6
LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

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THE PROVERBS.

- 1 ¹ THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David,
king of Israel :
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction;
To discern the words of understanding ;
- 3 To receive instruction in wise dealing,
In righteousness and judgement and equity ;
- 4 To give ¹subtilty to the simple, ¹ Or, *prudence*
To the young man knowledge and discretion :
- 5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in
learning ;
And that the man of understanding may attain
unto sound counsels :
- 6 To understand a proverb, and ²a figure ; ² Or, *an inter-*
The words of the wise, and their ³dark sayings. ³ Or, *riddles*
- 7 The fear of the LORD is the ⁴beginning of ⁴ Or, *chief*
knowledge : ⁴ *part*
- But* the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the ⁵law of thy mother : ⁵ Or, *teaching*
- 9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy
head,
And chains about thy neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.

If they say, Come with us, 11
 Let us lay wait for blood,
 Let us lurk privily for the innocent without
 cause;

¹ Or, *the* Let us swallow them up alive as ¹Sheol, 12
grave

² Or, *Even the* ²And whole, as those that go down into the pit;
perfect We shall find all precious substance, 13
 We shall fill our houses with spoil;

³ Or, *Cast in* ³Thou shalt cast thy lot among us; 14
thy lot We will all have one purse:

My son, walk not thou in the way with them; 15

Refrain thy foot from their path:

For their feet run to evil, 16

And they make haste to shed blood.

⁴ Or, *the net is* For in vain ⁴is the net spread, 17
spread in the

sight &c. In the eyes of any bird:

And these lay wait for their own blood, 18

They lurk privily for their own lives.

So are the ways of every one that is greedy of 19
 gain;

It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Wisdom crieth aloud in the street; 20

She uttereth her voice in the broad places;

⁵ Heb. *at the* She crieth ⁵in the chief place of concourse; 21
head of the

noisy streets. At the entering in of the gates,

In the city, she uttereth her words:

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love sim- 22
 plicity?

And scorers delight them in scorning,

And fools hate knowledge?

Turn you at my reproof: 23

Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,

I will make known my words unto you.

Because I have called, and ye refused; 24

I have stretched out my hand, and no man
 regarded;

But ye have set at nought all my counsel, 25

- And would none of my reproof :
26 I also will laugh in *the day of* your calamity ;
I will mock when your fear cometh ;
27 When your fear cometh as ¹a storm, ¹ Or,
desolation
And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind ;
When distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not
answer ;
They shall seek me ²diligently, but they shall ² Or,
early
not find me :
29 For that they hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of the LORD :
30 They would none of my counsel :
They despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own
way,
And be filled with their own devices.
32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay
them,
And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell
securely,
And shall be quiet without fear of evil.
- 2 1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee ;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding ;
3 Yea, if thou cry after discernment,
And lift up thy voice for understanding ;
4 If thou seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hid treasures ;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the
LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom ;
Out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and under-
standing :

- He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright, 7
¹ Or, And a shield for &c. ¹ *He is* a shield to them that walk in integrity; 7
² Or, That they may keep ² That he may guard the paths of judgement; 8
³ Or, Yea, he preserveth ³ And preserve the way of his saints.
Then shalt thou understand righteousness and 9
judgement,
And equity, *yea*, every good path.
For wisdom shall enter into thine heart, 10
And knowledge be pleasant unto thy soul;
Discretion shall watch over thee, 11
Understanding shall keep thee:
To deliver thee from the way of ⁴evil, 12
From the men that speak froward things;
Who forsake the paths of uprightness, 13
To walk in the ways of darkness;
Who rejoice to do evil, 14
And delight in the frowardness of ⁴evil;
Who are crooked in their ways, 15
And perverse in their paths:
To deliver thee from the strange woman, 16
Even from the stranger which flattereth with
her words;
Which forsaketh the ⁵friend of her youth, 17
And forgetteth the covenant of her God:
For ⁶her house inclineth unto death, 18
And her paths unto the ⁷dead:
None that go unto her return again, 19
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life:
That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, 20
And keep the paths of the righteous.
For the upright shall dwell in the ⁸land, 21
And the perfect shall remain in it.
But the wicked shall be cut off from the ⁸land, 22
And they that deal treacherously shall be rooted
out of it.

⁹ Or, teaching My son, forget not my ⁹law; 1 3
But let thine heart keep my commandments:

- 2 For length of days, and years of life,
 And peace, shall they add to thee.
 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee :
 Bind them about thy neck ;
 Write them upon the table of thine heart :
 4 So shalt thou find favour and ¹good under-
 standing
 In the sight of God and man.
 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart ;
 And lean not upon thine own understanding.
 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
 And he shall ²direct thy paths.
 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes :
 Fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
 8 It shall be health to thy navel,
 And ³marrow to thy bones.
 9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
 And with the firstfruits of all thine increase :
 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
 And thy vats shall ~~burst~~ out with new wine.
 11 My son, despise not the ⁴chastening of the
 LORD ;
 Neither be weary of his reproof :
 12 For whom the LORD loveth he reproveth ;
 Even as a father the son in whom he de-
 lighteth.
 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
 And the man that ⁵getteth understanding.
 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the
 merchandise of silver,
 And the gain thereof than fine gold.
 15 She is more precious than ⁶rubies :
 And none of the things thou canst desire are
 to be compared unto her.
 16 Length of days is in her right hand ;
 In her left hand are riches and honour.
 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

¹ Or, good
 repute
 or, success
 See Ps. cxi.
 10.

² Or, make
 straight

³ Or, refresh-
 ing
 Heb.
 moistening.

⁴ Or,
 instruction

⁵ Heb. draweth
 forth.

⁶ See Job
 xxviii. 18.

And all her paths are peace. .
 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon 18
 her :

And happy is every one that retaineth her.
 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth ; 19
 By understanding he established the heavens.
 By his knowledge the depths were broken up, 20
 And the skies drop down the dew.

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes ; 21
 Keep sound wisdom and discretion ;
 So shall they be life to thy soul, 22
 And grace unto thy neck.
 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely, 23
 And ¹thy foot shall not stumble.
 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid : 24
 Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall
 be sweet.

¹ Heb, *thou
 shalt not dash
 thy foot.*

Be not afraid of sudden fear, 25
² Or, *storm* Neither of the ²desolation of the wicked, when
 it cometh,

For the LORD shall be thy confidence, 26
 And shall keep thy foot from being taken.
 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, 27
 When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come 28
 again,

And to morrow I will give ;
 When thou hast it by thee.
 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, 29
 Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
 Strive not with a man without cause, 30
 If he have done thee no harm.
 Envy thou not the man of violence, 31
 And choose none of his ways.

For the perverse is an abomination to the 32
 LORD :

³ Or, *counsel*
 Or, *friendship*

But his ³secret is with the upright.

- 33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked :
But he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.
- 34 ¹ Surely he scorneth the scorners, ¹ Or, *Though*
² But he giveth grace unto the lowly. ² Or, *Yet*
- 35 The wise shall inherit glory :
But ³ shame shall be the promotion of fools. ³ Or, *shame carrieth away fools*
Or, fools carry away shame
- 4 ¹ Hear, *my* sons, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding :
² For I give you good doctrine ;
Forsake ye not my ⁴ law. ⁴ Or, *teaching*
- ³ For I was a son unto my father,
Tender and ⁵ only beloved in the sight of my mother. ⁵ Heb. *an only one.*
- ⁴ And he taught me, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words :
Keep my commandments, and live.
- ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding :
Forget *it* not, neither decline from the words of my mouth.
- ⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee :
Love her, and she shall keep thee.
- ⁷ ⁶ Wisdom *is* the principal thing ; ⁶ The beginning of wisdom is, *Get wisdom*
Yea, with all thou hast gotten get understanding.
- ⁸ ⁷ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee : ⁷ Or, *Make her thy bulwark*
She shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
- ⁹ She shall give to thine head a chaplet of grace :
A crown of beauty shall she deliver to thee.
- ¹⁰ Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings ;
And the years of thy life shall be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught thee in the way of wisdom ;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened ;

And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: 13
 Keep her; for she is thy life.
 Enter not into the path of the wicked, 14
 And walk not in the way of evil men.
 Avoid it, pass not by it; 15
 Turn from it, and pass on.
 For they sleep not, except they have done 16
 mischief;
 And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause
 some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness, 17
 And drink the wine of violence.

¹ Or, the light
of dawn

But the path of the righteous is as ¹the shining 18

light,
 That shineth more and more unto the perfect
 day.

The way of the wicked is as darkness: 19
 They know not whereat they stumble.

My son, attend to my words; 20

Incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; 21

Keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, 22

And health to all their flesh.

² Or, above all
keeping

Keep thy heart ²with all diligence; 23

Or, above all
that thou
guardest

For out of it are the issues of life.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, 24

And perverse lips put far from thee.

Let thine eyes look right on, 25

And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

³ Or, Make
level

³Weigh carefully the path of thy feet, 26

⁴ Or, all thy
ways shall be
ordered aright

And ⁴let all thy ways be established.

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: 27

Remove thy foot from evil.

My son, attend unto my wisdom; 1 5

- Incline thine ear to my understanding :
 2 That thou mayest preserve discretion,
 And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
 3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,
 And her mouth is smoother than oil :
 4 But her latter end is bitter as wormwood,
 Sharp as a two-edged sword.
 5 Her feet go down to death ;
 Her steps take hold on ¹Sheol ;
 6 ²Lest thou weigh carefully the path of life :
 Her ways are unstable ³and thou canst not
 know *them*.
 7 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,
 And depart not from the words of my mouth.
 8 Remove thy way far from her,
 And come not nigh the door of her house :
 9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others,
 And thy years unto the cruel :
 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy ⁴strength ;
 And thy labours *be* in the house of an alien ;
 11 And thou ~~groan~~ at thy latter end,
 When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
 12 And say, How have I hated instruction,
 And my heart despised reproof ;
 13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,
 Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed
 me !
 14 I was wellnigh in all evil
 In the midst of the congregation and assembly.
 15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
 And running waters out of thine own well.
 16 ⁵Should thy springs be dispersed abroad,
 And rivers of water in the streets ?
 17 Let them be for thyself alone,
 And not for strangers with thee.
 18 Let thy fountain be blessed :
 And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.
 19 As a loving hind and a pleasant doe,

¹ Or, *the grave*² Or, *She cannot find the level path of life*³ Or, *she knoweth it not*⁴ Or, *wealth*⁵ Or, *Let*

¹ Heb. *go astray.*

Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times ;
 And ¹be thou ravished always with her love.
 For why shouldest thou, my son, ¹be ravished ²⁰
 with a strange woman,
 And embrace the bosom of a stranger ?
 For the ways of man are before the eyes of ²¹
 the LORD,

² Or, *maketh level*

And he ²weigheth carefully all his paths.
 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, ²²
 And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.
 He shall die for lack of instruction ; ²³
 And in the greatness of his folly he shall go
 astray.

³ Or, *thy hand with a stranger*

My son, if thou art become surety for thy neigh- ¹ **6**
 bour,

If thou hast stricken ³thy hands for a stranger,
 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, ²
 Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, ³
 Seeing thou art come into the hand of thy
 neighbour ;

Go, humble thyself, and importune thy neighbour.
 Give not sleep to thine eyes, ⁴
 Nor slumber to thine eyelids.

⁴ Or, *gazelle*

Deliver thyself as a ⁴roe from the hand of *the* ⁵
hunter,
 And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Go to the ant, thou ⁵sluggard ; ⁶

Consider her ways, and be wise :

⁵ Or, *judge*

Which having no ⁵chief, ⁷

Overseer, or ruler, ⁸

Provideth her meat in the summer, ⁸

And gathereth her food in the harvest. ⁹

⁶ Heb. *lie down.*

How long wilt thou ⁶sleep, O sluggard ? ⁹

When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ? ¹⁰

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, ¹⁰

- A little folding of the hands to ¹sleep :
 11 So shall thy poverty come as a ²robber,
 And thy want as ³an armed man.
- 12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity,
 Walketh with a froward mouth ;
 13 He winketh with his eyes, he ⁴speaketh with his feet,
 He ⁵maketh signs with his fingers ;
 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil continually ;
 He ⁶soweth discord.
- 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly ;
 On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.
- 16 These six things doth the LORD hate ;
 Yea, seven are an abomination ⁷unto him :
 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
 And hands that shed innocent blood,
 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
 Feet that be swift in running to mischief,
 19 A false witness that ⁸uttereth lies,
 And he that ⁶soweth discord among brethren.
- 20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father,
 And forsake not the ⁹law of thy mother :
 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
 Tie them about thy neck.
- 22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee ;
 When thou ¹⁰ sleepest, it shall watch over thee ;
 And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- 23 For ¹¹the commandment is a lamp ; and ¹²the law is light ;
 And reproofs of instruction are the way of life :
 24 To keep thee from the evil woman,
 From the flattery of the stranger's tongue.
- 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart ;
 Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

¹ Heb. *lie down.*² Or, *rover*³ Heb. *a man with a shield.*⁴ Or, *shuffleth*⁵ Or, *teacheth*⁶ Heb. *letteth loose.*⁷ Heb. *of his soul.*⁸ Heb. *breatheth out.*⁹ Or, *teaching*¹⁰ Heb. *liest down.*¹¹ Or, *their commandment*¹² Or, *their teaching*

For on account of a whorish woman *a man is* 26
brought to a piece of bread :

¹ Heb. *a man's* And ¹the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.
wife. Can a man take fire ²in his bosom, 27

² Or, *into* And his clothes not be burned ?
 Or can one walk upon hot coals, 28
 And his feet not be scorched ?

So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife ; 29
³ Heb. *held* Whosoever toucheth her shall not be ³un-
innocent. punished.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal 30
 To satisfy his soul when he is hungry ;

⁴ Or, *that* But ⁴if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold ; 31
which is found He shall give all the substance of his house.
with him

He that committeth adultery with a woman is 32
⁵ Heb. *heart.* void of ⁵understanding :

He doeth it that would destroy his own soul.
 Wounds and dishonour shall he get ; 33
 And his reproach shall not be wiped away.

For jealousy is the rage of a man ; 34

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

He will not regard any ransom ; 35

Neither will he rest content, though thou givest
 many gifts.

My son, keep my words, 1 7

And lay up my commandments with thee.

Keep my commandments and live ; 2

⁶ Or, *teaching* And my ⁶law as the apple of thine eye.
 Bind them upon thy fingers ; 3

Write them upon the table of thine heart.

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister ; 4

⁷ Or, *familiar* And call understanding *thy* ⁷kinswoman :
friend That they may keep thee from the strange 5
 woman,

From the stranger which flattereth with her
 words.

For at the window of my house 6

- I looked forth through my lattice ;
 7 And I beheld among the simple ones,
 I discerned among the youths,
 A young man void of understanding;
 8 He passed through the street near her corner,
 And went the way to her house;
 9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,
 In the ¹blackness of night and the darkness.
 10 And, behold, there met him a woman
 With the attire of an harlot, and ²wily of heart.
 11 She is ³clamorous and wilful;
 Her feet abide not in her house:
 12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad
 places,
 And lieth in wait at every corner.
 13 So she caught him, and kissed him,
⁴And with an impudent face she said unto him:
 14 Sacrifices of peace offerings ⁵are with me ;
 This day have I payed my vows.
 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
 Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found
 thee.
 16 I have spread my couch with ⁶carpets of tapestry,
 With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
 17 I have ⁷perfumed my bed
 With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morn-
 ing ;
 Let us solace ourselves with loves.
 19 For the goodman is not at home,
 He is gone a long journey:
 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him;
 He will come home at the full moon.
 21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to
 yield,
 With the flattering of her lips she forceth him
 away.
 22 He goeth after her ⁸straightway,

¹ Heb. *pupil*
(of the eye).

² Or, *close*
Heb.
guarded.

³ Or,
turbulent

⁴ Heb. *She*
hardened her
face, and said.
⁵ Or, *were due*
from me

⁶ Or, *cushions*

⁷ Or, *sprinkled*

⁸ Heb.
suddenly.

¹ Or, *one* —
fettered ✓
The text is
probably cor-
rupt.

As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
Or as ¹fetters to the correction of the fool;
Till an arrow strike through his liver;
As a bird hasteth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his life.
Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,
And attend to the words of my mouth.
Let not thine heart decline to her ways,
Go not astray in her paths.
For she hath cast down many wounded:
Yea, all her slain are ²a mighty host.
Her house is the way to ³Sheol,
Going down to the chambers of death.

² Or, *strong*
men

³ Or, *the grave*

Doth not wisdom cry, 1 8
And understanding put forth her voice?
In the top of high places by the way, 2
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, 3
At the coming in at the doors, she crieth
aloud:
Unto you, O men, I call; 4
And my voice is to the sons of men.
O ye simple, understand subtilty; 5
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
Hear, for I will speak excellent things; 6
And the opening of my lips shall be right
things.
For my mouth shall utter truth; 7
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth ⁴are in righteous- 8
ness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
They are all plain to him that understandeth, 9
And right to them that find knowledge.
Receive my instruction, and not silver; 10
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
For wisdom is better than ⁵rubies; 11

⁴ Or, *are*
righteousness

⁵ See Job
xxviii. 18.

And none of the things that may be desired are
to be compared unto her.

- 12 I wisdom have made subtilty my dwelling,
And find out ¹knowledge *and* discretion.

¹ Or, know-
ledge of witty
inventions

- 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.

- 14 Counsel is mine, and ²sound knowledge:
I am understanding; I have might.

² Or, effectual
working

- 15 By me kings reign,
And ³princes decree justice.

³ Or, rulers

- 16 By me princes rule,
And nobles, *even* all the judges ⁴of the earth.

⁴ Many ancient
authorities
read, of
righteousness.

- 17 I love them that love me;
And those that seek me ⁵diligently shall find me.

⁵ Or, early

- 18 Riches and honour are with me;
Yea, ⁶durable riches and righteousness.

⁶ Or, ancient

- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;
And my ⁷revenue than choice silver.

⁷ Or, increase

- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of judgement:

- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit
substance,

And that I may fill their treasures.

- 22 The LORD ⁸possessed me ⁹in the beginning of
his way,

⁸ Or, created

⁹ Or, as

¹⁰Before his works of old.

¹⁰ Or, The first
of

- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the begin-
ning,

Or ever the earth was.

- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought
forth;

When there were no fountains abounding with
water.

- 25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth:

- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor
the fields,

- ¹ Or, *sum* Nor the ¹beginning of the dust of the world.
² Or, *prepared* When he ²established the heavens, I was there: 27
 When he set a circle upon the face of the deep:
 When he made firm the skies above: 28
 When the fountains of the deep became strong:
³ Or, *his decree* When he gave to the sea ³its bound, 29
 That the waters should not transgress his com-
 mandment:
⁴ Or, *appointed* When he ⁴marked out the foundations of the
 earth:
 Then I was by him, *as* a master workman: 30
⁵ Or, *had delight continually* And I ⁵was daily *his* delight,
⁶ Or, *Sporting* ⁶Rejoicing always before him;
⁶ Or, *Sporting* ⁶Rejoicing in his habitable earth; 31
 And my delight was with the sons of men.
 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me: 32
 For blessed are they that keep my ways.
 Hear instruction, and be wise, 33
 And refuse it not.
 Blessed is the man that heareth me, 34
 Watching daily at my gates,
 Waiting at the posts of my doors.
 For whoso findeth me findeth life, 35
 And shall ⁷obtain favour of the LORD.
⁷ Heb. *draw forth.* But he that ⁸sinneth against me wrongeth his 36
⁸ Or, *misseth me* own soul:
 All they that hate me love death.

Wisdom hath builded her house, 1 9
 She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled 2
 her wine;
 She hath also furnished her table.
 She hath sent forth her maidens, she crieth 3
 Upon the highest places of the city,
 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: 4
 As for him that is void of understanding, she
 saith to him,

- 5 Come ye, eat of my bread,
 And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
 6 ¹ Leave off, ye simple ones, and live;
 And walk in the way of understanding. ¹ Or, Forsake
the simple
 7 He that correcteth a scorner getteth to himself
 shame:
 And he that reproveth a wicked man *getteth*
 himself a blot.
 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee:
 Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
 9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be
 yet wiser:
 Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in
 learning.
 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
 wisdom:
 And the knowledge of the Holy One is under-
 standing.
 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
 And the years of thy life shall be increased.
 12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself:
 And if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear
 it.
 13 ² The foolish woman is clamorous ; ² Or, Folly
She is ³ simple, and knoweth nothing. ³ Heb.
Simplicity.
 14 And she sitteth at the door of her house,
 On a seat in the high places of the city,
 15 To call to them that pass by,
 Who go right on their ways,
 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :
 And as for him that is void of understanding,
 she saith to him,
 17 Stolen waters are sweet,
 And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
 18 But he knoweth not that the ⁴ dead are ⁴ Or, shades
Heb.
Rephaim.
 there;
 That her guests are in the depths of ⁵ Sheol. ⁵ Or, the grave

The proverbs of Solomon.

1 10

A wise son maketh a glad father:
 But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: 2
 But righteousness delivereth from death.
 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous 3
 to famish:

But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.
 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack 4
 hand:

But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
 He that gathereth in summer is ¹a wise son: 5
But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son ²that
 causeth shame.

¹ Or, a son
 that doeth
 wisely

² Or, that
 doeth shame-
 fully

³ Or, the mouth
 of the wicked
 covereth
 violence

Blessings are upon the head of the righteous: 6
 But ³violence covereth the mouth of the
 wicked.

The memory of the just is blessed: 7
 But the name of the wicked shall rot.

The wise in heart will receive commandments: 8
 But ⁴a prating fool ⁵shall fall.

⁴ Heb. the
 foolish of lips.

⁵ Or, shall be
 overthrown
 or, laid low

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: 9
 But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: 10
⁶But ⁴a prating fool ⁵shall fall.

⁶ The LXX.
 and Syr. read,
 he that
 rebuketh openly
 maketh peace,

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life: 11
 But ³violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Hatred stirreth up strifes: 12

But love covereth all sins.

In the lips of him that hath discernment wis- 13
 dom is found:

But a rod is for the back of him that is void of
⁷understanding.

⁷ Heb. heart.

Wise men lay up knowledge: 14

But the mouth of the foolish is a present
 destruction.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city: 15

- The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
 16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life;
 The increase of the wicked to sin.
 17 He ¹is in the way of life that ²heedeth correction :
 But he that forsaketh reproof ³ereth.
 18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips;
 And he that ⁴uttereth a slander is a fool.
 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not ⁵sin:
 But he that refraineth his lips ⁶doeth wisely.
 20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver :
 The heart of the wicked is little worth.
 21 The lips of the righteous feed many :
 But the foolish die for lack of ⁷understanding.
 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich,
 And ⁸he addeth no sorrow therewith.
 23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness :
⁹And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.
 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him :
 And the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
 25 ¹⁰As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more :
 But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,
 So is the sluggard to them that send him.
 27 The fear of the LORD ¹¹prolongeth days :
 But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
 28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness :
 But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
 29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright ;
 But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
 30 The righteous shall never be removed :
 But the wicked shall not inhabit the ¹²earth.

¹ Or, is a way² Or, keepeth instruction³ Or, causeth to err⁴ Or, publisheth⁵ Or, transgression⁶ Or, is wise⁷ Heb. heart.⁸ Or, toil addeth nothing⁹ Or, But a man of understanding hath wisdom¹⁰ Or, When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is no more¹¹ Heb. addeth.¹² Or, land

¹ Or, *buddeth*
with

The mouth of the righteous ¹bringeth forth 31
wisdom :

But the froward tongue shall be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is accept- 32
able :

² Or, is

But the mouth of the wicked ²*speaketh* froward-
ness.

³ Heb. *A*
balance of
deceit.

³ A false balance is an abomination to the LORD: 1 11

But a just weight is his delight.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: 2

But with the lowly is wisdom.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: 3

But the perverseness of the treacherous shall
destroy them.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: 4

But righteousness delivereth from death.

⁴ Or, *make*
straight

The righteousness of the perfect shall ⁴direct 5
his way:

But the wicked shall fall by his own wicked-
ness.

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver 6
them :

But they that deal treacherously shall be taken
in *their own* mischief.

When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall 7
perish :

⁵ Or, *streng*
men
Or, *tyranny*

And the hope of ⁵iniquity perisheth.

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, 8

And the wicked cometh in his stead.

With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his 9
neighbour:

But through knowledge shall the righteous be
delivered.

When it goeth well with the righteous, the city 10
rejoiceth :

And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

By the blessing of the upright the city is 11
exalted:

But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

- 12 He that despiseth his neighbour is void of¹ wisdom :

¹ Heb. heart.

But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

- 13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets :

But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

- 14 Where no wise guidance is, a people falleth :
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

- 15 He that is surety for a stranger² shall smart for it :
But he that hateth³ suretiship is sure.

² Heb. shall be sore broken.

- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour :
And violent men retain riches.

³ Heb. those that strike hands.

- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul :
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

- 18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages :
But he that soweth righteousness *hath* a sure reward.

- 19 ⁴He that is stedfast in righteousness *shall attain* unto life :
And he that pursueth evil *doeth it* to his own death.

⁴ Or, So righteousness tendeth to life, and he &c.

- 20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD :

But such as are perfect in *their* way are his delight.

- 21 ⁵*Though* hand *join* in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished :

⁵ Heb. Hand to hand.

But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

- 22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman which⁶ is without discretion.

⁶ Heb. turneth aside from.

- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good :
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

- 24 There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more ;

And there is that withholdeth more than is meet,
but *it tendeth* only to want.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: 25

¹ Or, *shall*
himself have
rain

And he that watereth ¹shall be watered also
himself.

He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse 26
him :

But blessing shall be upon the head of him that
selleth it.

He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour: 27

But he that searcheth after mischief, it shall
come unto him.

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall : 28

But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit 29
the wind :

And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of
heart.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; 30

And he that is wise winneth souls.

Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in 31
the earth :

How much more the wicked and the sinner!

² Or,
instruction

Whoso loveth ²correction loveth knowledge : 1 12

But he that hateth reproof is brutish.

A good man shall obtain favour of the LORD : 2

But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

A man shall not be established by wickedness : 3

But the root of the righteous shall never be
moved.

A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband : 4

³ Or, *doeth*
shamefully

But she that ³maketh ashamed is as rottenness
in his bones.

⁴ Heb.
judgement.

The thoughts of the righteous are ⁴just : 5

But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

The words of the wicked are of lying in wait for 6
blood:

But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

- 7 ¹The wicked are overthrown, and are not:
But the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom:
But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,
Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
- 10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast:
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 ²He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread:
But he that followeth after ³vain *persons* is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desireth ⁴the net of evil men:
But the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
- 13 In the transgression of the lips is ⁵a snare to the evil man:
But the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth:
And the ⁶doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 15 The way of the foolish is right in his own eyes:
But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.
- 16 A fool's vexation is ⁷presently known:
But a prudent man concealeth shame.
- 17 He that ⁸uttereth truth sheweth forth righteousness:
But a false witness deceit.
- 18 There is that speaketh rashly like the piercings of a sword:
But the tongue of the wise is health.
- 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever:
But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil:

¹ Or, *Overthrow the wicked, and they are not*

² See xxviii. 19.

³ Or, *vain things*

⁴ Or, *the prey*

⁵ Or, *an evil snare*

⁶ Or, *recompence*

⁷ Or, *openly*
Heb. *in the day*.

⁸ Heb.
breatheth out.

But to the counsellors of peace is joy.
There shall no mischief happen to the right- 21
eous :

But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD : 22
But they that deal truly are his delight.

A prudent man concealeth knowledge : 23

But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule : 24

But ¹the slothful shall be put under taskwork.

²Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it 25
stoop ;

But a good word maketh it glad.
The righteous is a guide to his neighbour : 26

But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.

¹The slothful man ²roasteth not that which he 27
took in hunting :

But the precious substance of men ⁴is to the
diligent.

In the way of righteousness is life ; 28

And *in* the pathway *thereof* there is no death.

A wise son *heareth* his father's ⁵instruction : 1 13

But a scorner heareth not rebuke.

A man shall eat good ⁶by the fruit of his mouth : 2

But ⁷the soul of the treacherous *shall eat* vio-
lence.

He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life : 3

But he that openeth wide his lips shall have
destruction.

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath 4
nothing :

But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

A righteous man hateth lying : 5

But a wicked man ⁸is loathsome, and cometh to
shame.

Righteousness guardeth ⁹him that is upright 6
in the way :

But wickedness overthroweth ¹⁰the sinner.

¹ Heb.
slothfulness.

² Or, Care

³ Or, *catcheth*
not his prey

⁴ Or, is to be
diligent

⁵ Or,
correction

⁶ Or, *from*

⁷ Or, *the desire*
of the treacher-
ous is for
violence

⁸ Or, *causeth*
shame and
bringeth
reproach

⁹ Heb.
uprightness of
way.

¹⁰ Heb. *sin.*

- 7 There is that ¹maketh himself rich, yet hath ¹Or, *feigneth* nothing :
 There is that ¹maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches :
 But the poor heareth no ²threatening. ²Or, *rebuke*
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth :
 But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- 10 By pride cometh only contention :
 But with the well advised is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished :
 But he that gathereth ³by labour shall have in- ³Heb. *with the hand.*crease.
- 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick :
 But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoso despiseth ⁴the word ⁵bringeth destruc- ⁴See xvi. 20.
 tion on himself : ⁵Or, *maketh himself a debtor thereto*
 But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
- 14 The ⁶law of the wise is a fountain of life, ⁶Or, *teaching*
 To depart from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding ⁷giveth favour : ⁷Or, *getteth*
 But the way of the treacherous is rugged.
- 16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge :
 But a fool spreadeth out folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil :
 But a faithful ambassador is health.
- 18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth ⁸correction : ⁸Or, *instruction*
 But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.
- 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul :
 But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 ⁹Walk with wise men and thou shalt be wise :
 But the companion of fools shall ¹⁰smart for it. ⁹According to another reading, *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.*
- 21 Evil pursueth sinners :
 But the righteous shall be recompensed with good. ¹⁰Or, *be broken Or, become worse*

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his
children's children ;

And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the
righteous.

¹ Or, *tilled
land*

Much food *is in* the ¹tillage of the poor : 23

² Or, *by
injustice*

But there is that is destroyed ²by reason of *his*
injustice.

He that spareth his rod hateth his son : 24

³ Or,
diligently

But he that loveth him chasteneth him ³betimes.

The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his
soul :

But the belly of the wicked shall want.

Every wise woman buildeth her house : 1 14

⁴ Heb. *folly*.

But ⁴the foolish plucketh it down with her own
hands.

He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the 2
LORD :

But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth
him.

⁵ Or, *for his
pride*

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod ⁵of pride : 3

But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Where no oxen are, the crib is clean : 4

But much increase is by the strength of the ox.

A faithful witness will not lie : 5

⁶ Heb. *breath-
eth out*.

But a false witness ⁶uttereth lies.

A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not : 6

But knowledge is easy unto him that hath un-
derstanding.

⁷ Or, *Go
from ... for
thou wilt
not &c.*

⁷Go into the presence of a foolish man, 7

And thou shalt not perceive *in him* the lips
of knowledge.

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his 8
way :

⁸ Or, *The
guilt-offering
mocketh at
the foolish*

But the folly of fools is deceit.

⁹ Or, *guilt*

⁸The foolish scorn ⁹the guilt-offering : 9

But among the upright there is ¹⁰goodwill.

¹⁰ Or, *the
favour of God*

The heart knoweth its own bitterness ; 10

And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.

- 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown :
But the tent of the upright shall flourish.
- 12 There is a way which ¹seemeth right unto a man,
But the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful ;
And the end of mirth is heaviness.
- 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his
own ways :
And a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
- 15 The simple believeth every word :
But the prudent man looketh well to his going.
- 16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil :
But the fool beareth himself insolently, and is confident.
- 17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly :
And a man of wicked devices is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly :
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow before the good ;
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour :
But ²the rich hath many friends.
- 21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth :
But he that hath *mercy* on the poor, happy is he.
- 22 ³Do they not err that devise evil ?
But mercy and truth *shall be to* them that devise good.
- 23 In all labour there is profit :
But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
- 24 ⁴The crown of the wise is their riches :
But the folly of fools is *only* folly.
- 25 A true witness delivereth souls :
But he that ⁵uttereth lies *causeth* deceit.
- 26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence :
And ⁶his children shall have a place of refuge.
- 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,

¹ Or, *is straight before*
ch. xvi. 25.

² Heb. *many are the lovers of the rich.*

³ Or, *Shall they not go astray*

⁴ Or, *Their riches is a crown unto the wise*

⁵ Heb. *breatheth.*

⁶ Or, *the children of him that hath it*

To depart from the snares of death.
In the multitude of people is the glory of the ²⁸
king :

But in the want of people is the destruction of
the prince.

He that is slow to anger is of great under- ²⁹
standing :

¹ Or, *carrieth* But he that is hasty of spirit ¹exalteth folly.

away A sound heart is the life of the flesh : ³⁰

² Or, *jealousy* But ²envy is the rottenness of the bones.

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his ³¹
Maker :

³ Or, *But he* ³But he that honoureth him hath mercy on the
that hath needy.

mercy on the The wicked is thrust down in his ⁴evildoing : ³²

needy honour- But the righteous ⁵hath hope in his death.

eth him Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath ³³

⁴ Or, *adversity* understanding :

⁵ Or, *hath a* ⁶But *that which is* in the inward part of fools
refuge is made known.

⁶ Or, *And in* Righteousness exalteth a nation : ³⁴

the midst of But sin is a reproach to ⁷any people.

fools it maketh The king's favour is toward a servant that ³⁵
itself known dealeth wisely :

⁷ Heb. *peoples.* But his wrath shall be *against* him that ⁸causeth
⁸ Or, *doeth* shame.

shamefully A soft answer turneth away wrath : ¹ 15

But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

⁹ Or, *adorneth* The tongue of the wise ⁹uttereth knowledge ²
knowledge aright :

But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, ³

Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

¹⁰ Heb. *The* ¹⁰A wholesome tongue is a tree of life : ⁴

healing of the But perverseness therein is a breaking of the
tongue. spirit.

¹¹ Or, *dealeth* A fool despiseth his father's correction : ⁵

prudently But he that regardeth reproof ¹¹getteth prudence.

- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure :
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge :
But the heart of the foolish ¹*doeth* not so. ¹ Or, is *not*
steadfast
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination
to the LORD :
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to
the LORD :
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- 10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way :
And he that hateth reproof shall die.
- 11 ²*Sheol* and *Abaddon* are before the LORD : ² Or, *Hell* and
destruction
How much more then the hearts of the children
of men !
- 12 A scorner loveth not to be reprov'd :
He will not go unto the wise.
- 13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance :
But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge :
But the ³*mouth* of fools feedeth on folly. ³ According to
another
reading,
countenance.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil :
But he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
- 17 Better is a ⁴*dinner* of herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. ⁴ Or, *portion*
- 18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention :
But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is as an hedge of
thorns :
But the path of the upright is made an highway.
- 20 A wise son maketh a glad father :

But a foolish man despiseth his mother.

¹ Heb. *heart*. Folly is joy to him that is void of ¹wisdom: 21

But a man of understanding maketh straight
his going.

Where there is no counsel purposes are dis- 22
appointed:

But in the multitude of counsellors they are
established.

A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth: 23

And a word in due season, how good is it!

To the wise the way of life *goeth* upward, 24

That he may depart from ²Sheol beneath.

² Or, *the*
grave

The LORD will root up the house of the proud: 25

But he will establish the border of the widow.

Evil devices are an abomination to the LORD: 26

But ³pleasant words are pure.

³ Or, *the pure*
pleasant
words

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own 27
house;

But he that hateth gifts shall live.

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: 28

But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil
things.

The LORD is far from the wicked: 29

But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: 30

And good tidings make the bones fat.

The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life 31

Abideth among the wise.

⁴ Or,
instruction

He that refuseth ⁴correction despiseth his own 32
soul:

But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth
understanding.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of 33
wisdom;

And before honour *goeth* humility.

The preparations of the heart belong to man, 16

But the answer of the tongue is from the
LORD.

- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes ;
 But the LORD weigheth the spirits.
 3 ¹Commit thy works unto the LORD,
 And thy ²thoughts shall be established. ¹ Heb. *Roll*.
² Or, *purposes*
 4 The LORD hath made every thing for ³its own end : ³ Or, *his own purpose*
 Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD :
⁴Though hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished. ⁴ See xi. 21.
 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged :
 And by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
 7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
 He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
 8 Better is a little with righteousness
 Than great revenues with injustice.
 9 A man's heart deviseth his way :
 But the LORD directeth his steps.
 10 ⁵A divine sentence ⁶is in the lips of the king : ⁵ Heb. *Divination*.
⁶ Or, should be
 His mouth ⁷shall not transgress in judgement.
 11 A just balance and scales are the LORD'S :
 All the weights of the bag are his work. ⁷ Or, *should not trespass*
 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness :
 For the throne is established by righteousness.
 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings ;
 And they love him that speaketh right.
 14 The wrath of a king is *as* messengers of death :
 But a wise man will pacify it.
 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life ;
 And his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold !
 Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.

The highway of the upright is to depart from 17
evil:

He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

Pride *goeth* before destruction, 18

And an haughty spirit before a fall.

¹ Or, *meek* Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the ¹poor, 19
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

² Or, *handleth a matter wisely* He that ²giveth heed unto ³the word shall find 20
good:

³ See xiii. 13. And whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
The wise in heart shall be called prudent: 21

And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him 22
that hath it:

But the correction of fools is *their* folly.

The heart of the wise instructeth his mouth, 23

And addeth learning to his lips.

Pleasant words are *as* an honeycomb, 24

Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

⁴ ch. xiv. 12. ⁴There is a way which ⁵seemeth right unto a 25
⁵ Or, *is straight before* man,

But the end thereof are the ways of death.

The appetite of the labouring man laboreth for 26
him;

For his mouth urgeth him *thereto*.

A worthless man diggeth up mischief: 27

And in his lips there is as a scorching fire.

A froward man scattereth abroad strife: 28

⁶ Or, *alienateth his friend* And a whisperer ⁶separateth chief friends.

A man of violence enticeth his neighbour, 29

And leadeth him in a way that is not good.

He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: 30

Compressing his lips bringeth he evil to pass.

The hoary head is a crown of glory, 31

⁷ Or, *It shall be found* ⁷If it be found in the way of righteousness.

He that is slow to anger is better than the 32
mighty;

And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh
a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap ;
But the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

17 ¹ Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith,
Than an house full of ¹feasting with strife.

¹ Heb. the
sacrifices of
strife.

² A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule
over a son that ²causeth shame,
And shall have part in the inheritance among
the brethren.

² Or, doeth
shamefully

³ The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for
gold :

But the LORD trieth the hearts.

⁴ An evil doer giveth heed to wicked lips ;
And a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.

⁵ Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his
Maker :

And he that is glad at calamity shall not be
unpunished.

⁶ Children's children are the crown of old men ;
And the glory of children are their fathers.

⁷ Excellent speech becometh not a fool :
Much less do lying lips a prince.

⁸ A gift is *as* a precious stone in the eyes of him
that hath it :

Whithersoever ³it turneth, it prospereth.

³ Or, he

⁹ He that covereth a transgression seeketh love ;

But he that harpeth on a matter ⁴separateth ⁴See xvi. 28.
chief friends.

¹⁰ A rebuke entereth deeper into one that hath
understanding

Than an hundred stripes into a fool.

¹¹ ⁵An evil man seeketh only rebellion ;

Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent
against him.

⁵ Or, A
rebellious man
seeketh only
evil

¹² Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,
Rather than a fool in his folly.

¹³ Whoso rewardeth evil for good,

Evil shall not depart from his house.

The beginning of strife is *as* when one letteth 14
out water :

Therefore leave off contention, before there be
quarrelling.

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that con- 15
demneth the righteous,

Both of them alike are an abomination to the
LORD.

Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool 16
to buy wisdom,

¹ Heb. *heart*. Seeing he hath no ¹ understanding ?

A friend loveth at all times, 17

² Or, *is born as* And ² a brother is born for adversity.

a brother

A man void of ¹ understanding striketh hands, 18
And becometh surety in the presence of his
neighbour.

³ Or, *He that*
loveth trans-
gression loveth
strife

³ He loveth transgression that loveth strife: 19
He that raiseth high his gate seeketh destruc-
tion.

He that hath a froward heart findeth no 20
good :

And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into
mischief.

He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow : 21

And the father of a fool hath no joy.

⁴ Heb. *causeth*
good healing.

A merry heart ⁴ is a good medicine : 22

But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.

A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom, 23

To pervert the ways of judgement.

Wisdom is before the face of him that hath 24
understanding ;

But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the
earth.

A foolish son is a grief to his father, 25

And bitterness to her that bare him.

⁵ Or, *fine*

Moreover, to ⁵ punish the righteous is not good, 26
Nor to smite the noble for *their* uprightness.

27 ¹He that spareth his words hath knowledge:
 He that is of a cool spirit is a man of under-
 standing.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is
 counted wise :

²When he shutteth his lips he *is esteemed as*
 prudent.

18 ¹He that separateth himself seeketh *his own*
 desire,

And ³rageth against all sound wisdom.

²A fool hath no delight in understanding,
 But only that his heart may reveal itself.

³When the wicked cometh, there cometh also
 contempt,

And with ignominy reproach.

⁴The words of a man's mouth are *as* deep
 waters ;

⁴The wellspring of wisdom is *as* a flowing
 brook.

⁵To accept the person of the wicked is not good,

⁵*Nor* to turn aside the righteous in judgement.

⁶A fool's lips ⁶enter into contention,
 And his mouth calleth for stripes.

⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction,
 And his lips are the snare of his soul.

⁸The words of a whisperer are *as* ⁷dainty
 morsels,

And they go down into the ⁸innermost parts of
 the belly.

⁹He also that is slack in his work
 Is brother to him that is a destroyer.

¹⁰The name of the LORD is a strong tower :
 The righteous runneth into it, and ⁹is safe.

¹¹The rich man's wealth is his strong city,
 And as an high wall in his own imagination.

¹²Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
 And before honour *is* humility.

¹³He that giveth answer before he heareth,

¹ Or, *He that hath knowledge spareth his words : a man of understanding is of a cool spirit*
² Or, *He that shutteth his lips is &c.*

³ Or,
quarrelleth

⁴ Or, *A flowing brook, a well-spring of wisdom*

⁵ Or, *So as to turn aside*

⁶ Or, *bring contention*

⁷ Or, *wounds*

⁸ Heb.
chambers.

⁹ Heb. *is set on high.*

It is folly and shame unto him.

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity ; 14

¹ Or, *But if the spirit be broken who shall raise it up?*

¹ But a broken spirit who can bear ?

The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge ; 15

And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

A man's gift maketh room for him, 16

And bringeth him before great men.

He that pleadeth his cause first *seemeth* just ; 17

But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

The lot causeth contentions to cease, 18

And parteth between the mighty.

A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city : 19

And *such* contentions are like the bars of a castle.

² A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth ; 20

With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue : 21

And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, 22

And obtaineth favour of the LORD.

The poor useth intreaties ; 23

But the rich answereth roughly.

² Heb. *A man of friends.*

² He that maketh many friends *doeth it* to his own destruction ; 24

³ Heb. *lover.*

But there is a ³ friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

⁴ See ch. xxviii. 6.

Better ⁴ is the poor that walketh in his integrity, 19

Than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

⁵ Or, *desire without knowledge is not good*

Also, ⁵ that the soul be without knowledge is not good ; 2

⁶ Or, *misgett his way*

And he that hasteth with his feet ⁶ sinneth.

The foolishness of man subverteth his way : 3

And his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Wealth addeth many friends ; 4

But the poor is separated from his friend.

5 A false witness shall not be ¹unpunished,
And he that ²uttereth lies shall not escape.

¹ Heb. *held innocent.*

6 Many will intreat the favour of ³the liberal man :

² Heb. *breatheth out.*

³ Or, *a prince*

And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him :
How much more do his friends go far from him !

⁴ He pursueth *them with* words, *but* they are gone.

⁴ Or, *He pursueth after words, which are nought*

8 He that getteth ⁵wisdom loveth his own soul :
He that keepeth understanding shall find good.

⁵ Heb. *heart.*
See xx. 21.

9 A false witness shall not be ¹unpunished,
And he that ²uttereth lies shall perish.

10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool ;
Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger ;

And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion ;
But his favour is as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father :
And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers :

But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ;
And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul ;

But he that is ⁶careless of his ways shall die.

⁶ Heb. *despiseth.*

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD,

And his good deed will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope ;
And set not thy heart on ⁷his destruction.

⁷ Heb. *causing him to die.*

A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty : 19
For if thou deliver *him*, thou must do it yet
again.

¹ Or,
correction

Hear counsel, and receive ¹instruction, 20
That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
There are many devices in a man's heart ; 21
But the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

² Or, *That
which maketh
a man to be
desired is his
kindness*

²The desire of a man is *the measure of* his 22
kindness :

And a poor man is better than a liar.
The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life : 23

And he *that hath it* shall abide satisfied ;
He shall not be visited with evil.

The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish, 24
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth
again.

Smite a scorner, and the simple will learn 25
prudence :

And reprove one that hath understanding, *and*
he will understand knowledge.

³ Or, *A son
that causeth...
reproach, spoil-
eth &c.*

³He that ⁴spoil^{eth} his father, and chaseth away 26
his mother,

Is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth
reproach.

⁴ Or, *violently
entreateth*

Cease, my son, to hear instruction, 27

⁵ Or, *So shalt
thou err*

⁵*Only* to err from the words of knowledge.
A worthless witness scorneth judgement : 28

And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth
iniquity.

Judgements are prepared for scorners, 29
And stripes for the back of fools.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler : 1 20

⁶ Or, *reeleth*

And whosoever ⁶er^{reth} thereby is not wise.

The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion : 2

⁷ Or, *provoketh
him to anger*

He that ⁷anger^{eth} himself against him sinneth
against his own ⁸life.

⁸ Heb. *soul.*

⁹ Or, *cease*

It is an honour for a man to ⁹keep aloof from 3
strife :

But every fool will be quarrelling.

- 4 The slothful will not plow by reason of the winter ;

¹ Therefore he shall beg in harvest and have nothing.

- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is *like* deep water ;
But a man of understanding will draw it out.

- 6 ² Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness :

But a faithful man who can find ?

- 7 The just man walketh in his integrity,
Blessed are his children after him.

- 8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgement

³ Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin ?

- 10 ⁴ Divers weights, and divers measures,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

- 11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
The LORD hath made even both of them.

- 13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ;
Open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

- 14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer :
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

- 15 There is gold, and abundance of ⁵ rubies :
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

- 16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger :
And ⁶ hold him in pledge *that is surety* for ⁷ strangers.

- 17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man ;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

¹ Or, *Therefore when he seeketh in harvest, there shall be nothing*

² Or, *Many a man will meet one that is kind to him*

³ Or, *Winnoweth*

⁴ Heb. *A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah.*

⁵ See Job xxviii. 18.

⁶ Or, *take a pledge of him*

⁷ Another reading is, *a strange woman.*

Every purpose is established by counsel : 18
 And by wise guidance make thou war.
 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth 19
 secrets :

Therefore meddle not with him that openeth
 wide his lips.

Whoso curseth his father or his mother, 20
 His lamp shall be put out in the blackest dark-
 ness.

An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the 21
 beginning,

But the end thereof shall not be blessed.

Say not thou, I will recompense evil : 22

Wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

Divers weights are an abomination to the 23
 LORD ;

And a false balance is not good.

A man's goings are of the LORD ; 24

How then can man understand his way ?

¹ Or, *rashly to* It is a snare to a man ¹ rashly to say, *It is holy*, 25

utter holy
words ; or, to
devour that
which is holy

And after vows to make inquiry.

A wise king winnoweth the wicked, 26

And bringeth the *threshing* wheel over them.

The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, 27

Searching all the innermost parts of the belly.

Mercy and truth preserve the king : 28

² Or, *he*
upholdeth his
throne

And ² his throne is upholden by mercy.

The glory of young men is their strength : 29

And the dignity of old men is the hoary head.

Wounding stripes cleanse away evil, 30

And strokes *that reach* the innermost parts of
 the belly.

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD as 21
 the watercourses :

He turneth it whithersoever he will.

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes : 2

But the LORD weigheth the hearts.

To do justice and judgement

- Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 4 An high look, and a proud heart,
¹Even the lamp of the wicked, is sin. ¹ Or, And the tillage
- 5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness;
 But every one that is hasty *hasteth* only to want.
- 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
 Is ²a vapour driven to and fro; ³they *that seek them* seek death. ² Or, the fleeting breath of them that seek death
- 7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away;
 Because they refuse to do judgement. ³ Or, according to some ancient authorities, they are snares of death; or, into the snares of death
- 8 ⁴The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked:
 But as for the pure, his work is ⁵right. ⁴ Or, The way of man is exceeding crooked and strange
- 9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
 Than with a contentious woman in ⁶a wide house. ⁵ Or, straight
- 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil:
 His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes. ⁶ Or, a house in common
- 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise:
 And ⁷when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge. Heb. a house of society. Seech. xxv. 24.
- 12 ⁸The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked;
How the wicked are overthrown to *their* ruin. ⁷ Or, when one considereth the wise
- 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
 He also shall cry, but shall not be heard. ⁸ Or, The Righteous One &c. he overthroweth the wicked &c.
- 14 A gift in secret ⁹pacifieth anger;
 And a present in the bosom strong wrath. ⁹ Heb. bendeth.
- 15 It is joy to the righteous to do judgement;
¹⁰But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity. ¹⁰ Or, But destruction shall be to &c.
- 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding
 Shall rest in the congregation of ¹¹the dead. ¹¹ Heb. Rephaim.

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man : 17

He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

The wicked *is* a ransom for the righteous ; 18

And the treacherous *cometh* in the stead of the upright.

It is better to dwell in a desert land, 19

¹ Or, a contentious and fretful wife

Than with ¹a contentious and fretful woman.

There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise ; 20

But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy 21

Findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, 22

And bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue 23

Keepeth his soul from troubles.

The proud and haughty man, scorner is his name ; 24

² Or, in proud wrath

He worketh ²in the arrogance of pride.

The desire of the slothful killeth him ; 25

For his hands refuse to labour.

He coveteth greedily all the day long : 26

But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination : 27

³ Or, to atone for wickedness

How much more, when he bringeth it ³with a wicked mind !

A false witness shall perish : 28

⁴ Or, so as to endure Heb. continually

But the man that heareth shall speak ⁴unchallenged.

A wicked man hardeneth his face : 29

⁵ Another reading is, he considereth his way.

But as for the upright, ⁵he ordereth his ways.

There is no wisdom nor understanding 30

Nor counsel against the LORD.

The horse is prepared against the day of battle : 31

⁶ Or, deliverance

But ⁶victory is of the LORD.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, 22

- And ¹loving favour rather than silver and gold. ¹ Or, *favour is better than &c.*
- ² The rich and the poor meet together :
The LORD is the maker of them all.
- ³ A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself :
But the simple pass on, and ²suffer for it. ² Heb. *are mulcted.*
- ⁴ The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD
Is riches, and honour, and life.
- ⁵ Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the forward :
He that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.
- ⁶ Train up a child ³in the way he should go,
And even when he is old he will not depart from it. ³ Heb. *according to his way.*
- ⁷ The rich ruleth over the poor,
And the borrower is servant to the lender.
- ⁸ He that soweth iniquity shall reap ⁴calamity :
And the rod of his wrath shall fail. ⁴ Or, *wickedness*
- ⁹ He that hath a ⁵bountiful eye shall be blessed ;
For he giveth of his bread to the poor. ⁵ Heb. *good.*
- ¹⁰ Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out ;
Yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
- ¹¹ He that loveth ⁶pureness of heart
⁷For the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. ⁶ Another reading is, *the pure of heart.*
⁷ Or, *hath grace in his lips* or, *That hath grace in his lips*
- ¹² The eyes of the LORD preserve *him that hath* knowledge,
But he overthroweth the words of the treacherous man.
- ¹³ The sluggard saith, There is a lion without ;
I shall be murdered in the streets.
- ¹⁴ The mouth of strange women is a deep pit :
He ⁸that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein. ⁸ Or, *against whom the Lord hath indignation*
- ¹⁵ Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child ;
But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *gain*, 16
And he that giveth to the rich, *cometh* only to
 want.

Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, 17
 And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them 18
 within thee,
 If they be established together upon thy lips.
 That thy trust may be in the LORD, 19
 I have made *them* known to thee this day, even
 to thee.

¹ Or, *in large measure.* The ²Of counsels and knowledge; 20
 word is doubtful.
² Or, *In*
³ Or, *of a certainty the words &c.*
 That thou mayest carry back words of truth
 to them that send thee? 21

⁴ Or, *for*
⁵ Or, *crush*
 Rob not the poor, ⁴because he is poor, 22
 Neither ⁵oppress the afflicted in the gate:
 For the LORD will plead their cause, 23
 And despoil of life those that despoil them.
 Make no friendship with a man that is given 24
 to anger;
 And with a wrathful man thou shalt not go:
 Lest thou learn his ways, 25
 And get a snare to thy soul.
 Be thou not one of them that strike hands, 26
Or of them that are sureties for debts:
 If thou hast not wherewith to pay, 27
 Why should he take away thy bed from under
 thee?
 Remove not the ancient landmark, 28
 Which thy fathers have set.
⁶ Or, *skilful*
⁷ Heb. *obscure men*
 Seest thou a man ⁶diligent in his business? he 29
 shall stand before kings;
 He shall not stand before ⁷mean men.

- 23 ¹ When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
 Consider diligently ¹him that is before thee;
² ²And put a knife to thy throat,
 If thou be a man given to appetite.
³ Be not desirous of his dainties;
 Seeing they are deceitful meat.
⁴ Weary not thyself to be rich;
 Cease ³from thine own wisdom.
⁵ ⁴Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is
 not?
 For *riches* certainly make themselves wings,
 Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.
⁶ Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil
 eye,
 Neither desire thou his dainties:
⁷ For as he reckoneth within himself, so is he:
 Eat and drink, saith he to thee;
 But his heart is not with thee.
⁸ The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou
 vomit up,
 And lose thy sweet words.
⁹ Speak not in the hearing of a fool;
 For he will despise the wisdom of thy words:
¹⁰ ⁵Remove not the ancient landmark;
 And enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
¹¹ For their redeemer is strong;
 He shall plead their cause against thee.
¹² Apply thine heart unto instruction,
 And thine ears to the words of knowledge.
¹³ Withhold not correction from the child:
 For ⁶if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not ⁶Or, though
 die.
¹⁴ Thou shalt beat him with the rod,
 And shalt deliver his soul from ⁷Sheol. ⁷ Or, the
 grave
¹⁵ My son, if thine heart be wise,
 My heart shall be glad, even mine:
¹⁶ Yea, my reins shall rejoice,
 When thy lips speak right things.

¹ Or, what² Or, For thou
wilt put³ Or, by reason
of thine own
understand-
ing⁴ Or, Wilt thou
set thine eyes
upon it? it is
gone
Heb. Shall
thine eyes fly
upon it and it
is not?⁵ ch. xxii. 28.⁶ Or, though⁷ Or, the
grave

Let not thy heart envy sinners : 17
But *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day
long :

¹ ch. xxiv. 14, ¹ For surely there is a ²reward ; 18

^{20.} And thy hope shall not be cut off.

² Or, *sequel* Hear thou, my son, and be wise, 19

Heb. *latter*
end.

And guide thine heart in the way.

Be not among winebibbers ; 20

Among gluttonous eaters of flesh :

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come 21
to poverty :

And drowsiness shall clothe a *man* with rags.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, 22

And despise not thy mother when she is old.

Buy the truth, and sell it not ; 23

Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understand-
ing.

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice : 24

And he that begetteth a wise child shall have
joy of him.

Let thy father and thy mother be glad, 25

And let her that bare thee rejoice.

My son, give me thine heart, 26

And let thine eyes ³delight in my ways.

³ Another
reading is,
observe.

For a whore is a deep ditch ; 27

And a strange woman is a narrow pit.

⁴ Or, *as for a*
prey

Yea; she lieth in wait ⁴as a robber, 28

And increaseth the treacherous among men.

⁵ Heb. *Oh!*

Who hath ⁵woe ? who hath ⁶sorrow ? who hath 29

⁶ Heb. *Alas!*

contentions ?

Who hath complaining ? who hath wounds with-
out cause ?

⁷ Or, *darkness*

Who hath ⁷redness of eyes ?

They that tarry long at the wine ; 30

⁸ Or, *try*

They that go to ⁸seek out mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, 31

⁹ Or, *moveth*
itself aright

When it giveth its colour in the cup,

When it ⁹goeth down smoothly :

- 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
 And stingeth like ¹an adder.
- 33 Thine eyes shall behold ²strange women,
 And thine heart shall utter froward things.
- 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the
 midst of the sea,
 Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
- 35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I
 was not hurt ;
 They have beaten me, and I felt it not :
 When shall I awake ? I will seek it yet again.
- 24 ¹ Be not thou envious against evil men,
 Neither desire to be with them :
 2 For their heart studieth oppression,
 And their lips talk of mischief.
 3 Through wisdom is an house builded ;
 And by understanding it is established :
 4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled,
 With all precious and pleasant riches.
 5 A wise man ³is strong ;
 Yea, a man of knowledge ⁴increaseth might.
 6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war :
 And in the multitude of counsellors there is
⁵safety.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool :
 He openeth not his mouth in the gate.
- 8 He that deviseth to do evil,
 Men shall call him a mischievous person.
- 9 The thought of ⁶the foolish is sin :
 And the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
 Thy strength is small.
- 11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,
 And those that are ⁷ready to be slain ⁸see that
 thou hold back.
- 12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not ⁹this :
 Doth not he that weigheth the hearts consider
 it ?

¹ Or, a
basilisk² Or, strange
things³ Heb. is in
strength⁴ Heb.
strengtheneth⁵ Or, victory⁶ Heb. foolish-
ness.⁷ Heb.
tottering to the
slaughter.⁸ Or, forbear
thou not to
deliver⁹ Or, this man

And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he
 know it ?
 And shall not he render to every man accord-
 ing to his work ?
 My son, eat thou honey, for it is good ; 13
 And the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy
 taste :
 So shalt thou know wisdom to be unto thy 14
 soul :
 If thou hast found it, then shall there be a
¹ reward,
 And thy hope shall not be cut off.
 Lay not wait, ²O wicked man, against the ³habit- 15
 ation of the righteous ;
 Spoil not his ⁴resting place :
 For a righteous man falleth seven times, and 16
 riseth up again :
 But the wicked are overthrown ⁵to *their* ruin.
 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, 17
 And let not thine heart be glad when he is
 overthrown :
 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, 18
 And he turn away his wrath from him.
 Fret not thyself because of evil doers ; 19
 Neither be thou envious at the wicked ;
 For there will be no ⁶reward to the evil man ; 20
 The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king : 21
 And meddle not with them that are given to
 change :
 For their calamity shall rise suddenly ; 22
 And who knoweth the destruction ⁶of them
 both ?

¹ Heb. *latter*
end.

² Or, *as a*
wicked man

³ Or, *pasture*

⁴ Or, *fold*

⁵ Or, *by*
calamity

⁶ Or, *of their*
years

These also are *sayings* of the wise. 23

To have respect of persons in judgement is not
 good.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous ;

Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him :

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight,
And a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 He ¹kisseth the lips

That giveth a right answer.

¹ Or, *kisseth with the lips*

27 Prepare thy work without,

And make it ready for thee in the field ;

And afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause ;

²And deceive not with thy lips.

² Heb. *And wouldst thou deceive with thy lips?*

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me :

I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful,

And by the vineyard of the man void of under-
standing ;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,

³Nettles had covered the face thereof,

And the stone wall thereof was broken down.

³ Or, *Wild vetches*

32 Then I beheld, and considered well :

I saw, and received instruction.

33 ⁴Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,

A little folding of the hands ⁵to sleep :

⁴ ch. vi. 10, 11.

34 So shall thy poverty come as a ⁶robber ;

And thy want as an armed man.

⁵ Heb. *to lie down.*

⁶ Or, *rover*

25 ¹ These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

² It is the glory of God to conceal a thing :

But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

³ As the heaven for height, and the earth for depth,

So the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴ Take away the dross from the silver,

And there cometh forth a vessel for the finer :
 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, 5
 And his throne shall be established in righteousness.

¹ Heb. *Glorify* ¹ Put not thyself forward in the presence of the 6
not thyself. king,

And stand not in the place of great men :
 For better is it that it be said unto thee, Come 7
 up hither ;

Than that thou shouldest be put lower in the
 presence of the prince,

Whom thine eyes have seen.

Go not forth hastily to strive, 8

² Or, *Lest it be* ² Lest *thou know not* what to do in the end
 said, *What wilt* thereof,
thou do &c.

When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*, 9

³ Or, *But* ³ And disclose not the secret of another : 10

Lest he that heareth it revile thee,

And thine infamy turn not away.

A word fitly spoken 11

⁴ Or, *citrons* Is *like* ⁴ apples of gold in ⁵ ~~figured~~ work of silver.

⁵ Or, *baskets* As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine 12
 gold,

So is a wise reprovcr upon an obedient ear.

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, 13

So is a faithful messenger to them that send him :

For he refresheth the soul of his masters.

As clouds and wind without rain, 14

⁶ Heb. *in a gift* So is he that boasteth himself ⁶ of his gifts
of falsehood. falsely.

⁷ Or, *judge* By long forbearing is a ⁷ ruler persuaded, 15

And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is 16
 sufficient for thee,

Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

⁸ Heb. *full of* Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house; 17
thee. Lest he be ⁸ weary of thee, and hate thee.

- 18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour
Is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is *like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
- 20 *As* one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon ¹nitre, ¹ Or, *soda*
So is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.
- 21 If ²thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat ; ² Heb. *he that hateth thee.*
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink :
- 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head,
And the LORD shall reward thee.
- 23 The north wind bringeth forth rain :
So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
- 24 ³It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, ³ See ch. xxi. 9.
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
- 25 *As* cold waters to a ⁴thirsty soul, ⁴ Or, *weary*
So is good news from a far country.
- 26 *As* a ⁵troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring, ⁵ Heb. *trampled.*
So is a righteous man that ⁶giveth way before the wicked. ⁶ Or, *is moved*
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey :
⁷So *for men* to search out their own glory is *not* glory. ⁷ Or, *Neither for men to search out their glory too gloriously*
- 28 ⁸He whose spirit is without restraint
Is *like* a city that is broken down and hath no wall. *The Hebrew text is obscure.*
- 26 ¹ As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour is not seemly for a fool.
- 2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying,
So the curse that is causeless ⁹lighteth not.
- 3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,

⁸ Or, *He that hath no rule over his spirit*

⁹ Heb. *cometh not.*
Another reading is *cometh to him.*

And a rod for the back of fools.
 Answer not a fool according to his folly, 4
 Lest thou also be like unto him.
 Answer a fool according to his folly, 5
 Lest he be wise in ¹his own conceit.
 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a 6
 fool
 Cutteth off *his own* feet, *and* drinketh in
 damage.
 The legs of the lame hang loose : 7
 So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
²As a bag of gems in a heap of stones, 8
 So is he that giveth honour to a fool.
As a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a 9
 drunkard,
 So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
³As an archer that woundeth all, 10
 So is he that hireth the fool and he that hireth
 them that pass by.
 As a dog that returneth to his vomit, 11
 So is a fool that repeateth his folly.
 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit ? 12
 There is more hope of a fool than of him.
⁴The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way ; 13
 A lion is in the streets.
As the door turneth upon its hinges, 14
 So doth the sluggard upon his bed.
⁵The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish ; 15
 It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.
 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit 16
 Than seven men that can ⁶render a reason.
⁷He that passeth by, *and* vexeth himself with 17
 strife belonging not to him,
 Is *like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.
 As a madman who casteth firebrands, 18
 Arrows, and death,
 So is the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, 19
 And saith, Am not I in sport ?

¹ Heb. *his own eyes.*

² Or, *As one that bindeth up a stone in a sling*

³ Or, *A mighty one there is that shapeth all things ; he hireth the fool, and hireth the transgressors*
 The Hebrew text is obscure.

⁴ ch. xxii. 13.

⁵ See ch. xix. 24.

⁶ Or, *answer discreetly*

Or, *He that vexeth himself &c. is like one that taketh a passing dog &c.*

- 20 For lack of wood the fire goeth out :
And where there is no whisperer, contention
'ceaseth.
- 21 *As* coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire ;
So is a contentious man to inflame strife.
- 22 ¹The words of a whisperer are as ²dainty morsels,
And they go down into the ³innermost parts of ³Heb. chambers.
- 23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart
Are *like* an earthen vessel overlaid with silver
dross.
- 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,
But he layeth up deceit within him :
- 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not ;
For there are seven abominations in his heart :
- 26 Though *his* hatred cover itself with guile,
His wickedness shall be openly shewed before
the congregation.
- 27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein :
And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon
him.
- 28 A lying tongue hateth those whom it hath
⁴wounded ; ⁴Heb. crushed.
And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
- 27 ¹Boast not thyself of to morrow ;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring
forth.
- 2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own
mouth ;
A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty ;
But a fool's vexation is heavier than them both.
- 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is ⁵outrageous ; ⁵Heb. a flood.
But who is able to stand before jealousy ?
- 5 Better is open rebuke
Than love that is hidden.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend ;

¹ Or, *deceitful*But the kisses of an enemy are ¹profuse.² Heb.
*trampleth
upon.*The full soul ²loatheth an honeycomb ; 7But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is
sweet.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, 8

So is a man that wandereth from his place.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart : 9

So doth the sweetness of a man's friend *that*
cometh of hearty counsel.Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, for- 10
sake not ;And go not to thy brother's house in the day
of thy calamity :Better is a neighbour that is near than a brother
far off.

My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, 11

That I may answer him that reproacheth me.

³ See ch. xx. 3.³A prudent man seeth the evil, *and* hideth him- 12
self ;⁴ Heb. *are
muted.**But* the simple pass on, *and* ⁴suffer for it.⁵ ch. xxii. 16.⁵Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, 13⁶ Or, *take a
pledge of him*And ⁶hold him in pledge *that is surety* for a
strange woman.He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, 14
rising early in the morning,

It shall be counted a curse to him.

A continual dropping in a very rainy day 15

And a contentious woman are alike :

⁷ Heb. *hide.*He that would ⁷restrain her restraineth the wind, 16⁸ Or, *the oint-
ment of his
right hand
bewrayeth
itself*And ⁸his right hand encountereth oil.

Iron sharpeneth iron ; 17

So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his
friend.Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit 18
thereof ;And he that waiteth on his master shall be
honoured.⁹ Or, *As water
sheweth face
to face, so the
heart sheweth
man to man*⁹As in water face *answereth* to face, 19

So the heart of man to man.

- 20 ¹Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied ;
And the eyes of man are never satisfied.

¹ See ch. xv.
11.

- 21 The fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold,

And a man according to ²his praise.

- 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar
with a pestle among bruised corn,

² Or, *that*
which he
praiseth

Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

- 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,
And look well to thy herds :

- 24 For riches are not for ever ;

And doth the crown endure unto all generations ?

- 25 The hay is carried, and the tender grass sheweth
itself,

And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.

- 26 The lambs are for thy clothing,

And the goats are the price of the field :

- 27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for thy
food, for the food of thy household ;

And maintenance for thy maidens.

- 28 ¹ The wicked flee when no man pursueth :
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

- 2 For the transgression of a land many are the
princes thereof :

But by ³men of understanding *and* knowledge
⁴the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

³ Or, *a man*

- 3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor

Is *like* a sweeping rain ⁵which leaveth no food.

⁴ Or, *so shall*
the prince
prolong his
days

- 4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked :

But such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵ Heb. *with-*
out food.

- 5 Evil men understand not judgement :

But they that seek the LORD understand all
things.

- 6 ⁶Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, ^{1.}

⁶ See ch. xix.

¹ Heb. *pervse*
of two ways.

Than he that is ¹pervse in *his* ways, though
he be rich.

Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son : 7

But he that is a companion of gluttonous men
shameth his father.

He that augmenteth his substance by usury and 8
increase,

Gathereth it for him that hath pity on the poor.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the 9
law,

Even his prayer is an abomination.

Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an 10
evil way,

He shall fall himself into his own pit:

But the perfect shall inherit good.

The rich man is wise in his own conceit ; 11

But the poor that hath understanding searcheth
him out.

When the righteous triumph, there is great 12
glory :

² Heb. *must*
be searched
for.

But when the wicked rise, men ²hide them-
selves.

He that covereth his transgressions shall not 13
prosper :

But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall
obtain mercy.

Happy is the man that feareth alway : 14

But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into
mischief.

As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear ; 15

So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

³ Or, *O prince*
that lacketh
understanding
and art a great
oppressor, he
&c.

³The prince that lacketh understanding is also 16
a great oppressor,

But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong
his days.

A man that is laden with the blood of any 17
person

Shall flee unto the pit ; let no man stay him.

- 18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered :
But ¹he that is perverse in *his* ways shall fall at
once.
- 19 ²He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of
bread :
But he that followeth after ³vain *persons* shall
have poverty enough.
- 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings :
But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not
be unpunished.
- 21 To have respect of persons is not good :
⁴Neither that a man should transgress for a
piece of bread.
- 22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches,
And knoweth not that want shall come upon
him.
- 23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterward find
more favour
Than he that flattereth with the tongue.
- 24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and
saith, It is no transgression ;
The same is the companion of a destroyer.
- 25 He that is ⁵of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife : ⁶Heb. *wide of*
But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall *desire.*
be made fat.
- 26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool :
But whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
- 27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack :
But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a
curse.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves :
But when they perish, the righteous increase.
- 29 ¹He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his
neck
Shall suddenly be broken, and that without
remedy.
- ²When the righteous ⁶are increased, the people ⁶Or, *are in*
rejoice : *authority*

¹ Or, *he that*
walketh
perversely in
two ways shall
fall in one of
them

² See ch. xii.

³ Or, *vain*
things

⁴ Or, *For for a*
piece of bread
a man will
transgress

⁵ Heb. *wide of*
desire.

⁶ Or, *are in*
authority

But when a wicked man beareth rule, the people sigh.

Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father : 3

But he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth *his* substance.

The king by judgement establisheth the land : 4

¹ Or, *he that imposeth tribute*
Heb. *a man of offerings.*

But ¹he that exacteth gifts overthroweth it.

A man that flattereth his neighbour 5

Spreadeth a net for his steps.

In the transgression of an evil man there is a 6
snare :

But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause 7
of the poor :

² Or, *understandeth not knowledge*

The wicked ²hath not understanding to know *it*.

Scornful men set a city in a flame : 8

But wise men turn away wrath.

If a wise man hath a controversy with a foolish 9
man,

³ Or, *He rageth and laugheth and there is no rest*

³Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be no rest.

The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect : 10

⁴ Or, *But the upright care for his soul*

⁴And as for the upright, they seek his life.

A fool uttereth all his ⁵anger : 11

⁵ Heb. *spirit.*

But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.

If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, 12

All his servants are wicked.

The poor man and the oppressor meet together : 13

The LORD lighteneth the eyes of them both.

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, 14

His throne shall be established for ever.

The rod and reproof give wisdom : 15

But a child left to himself causeth shame to his mother.

⁶ Or, *are in authority*

When the wicked ⁶are increased, transgression 16
increaseth :

But the righteous shall look upon their fall.

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; 17

- Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
- 18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint :
But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
- 19 A servant will not be corrected by words :
For though he understand he will not give heed.
- 20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words ?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
- 21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child
Shall have him become ¹a son at the last.
- 22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression.
- 23 A man's pride shall bring him low :
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honour,
- 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul :
²He heareth the adjuration and uttereth ²nothing.
- 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare :
But whoso putteth his trust in the LORD ³shall ³be safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favour ;
But a man's judgement *cometh* from the LORD.
- 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous :
And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.
- 30 ¹The words of Agur the son of ⁴Jakeh ; the ⁵oracle.
The man saith ⁶unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel and Ucal :
²Surely I am more brutish than any man,
And have not the understanding of a man :
³And I have not learned wisdom,

¹ The word is doubtful. The Vulgate renders it *refractory*.

² Lev. v. 1.

³ Heb. *shall be set on high*.

⁴ Or, *Jakeh, of Massa*. See Gen. xxv. 14.

⁵ Or, *burden*.

⁶ As otherwise read, *I have wearied myself, O God, I have wearied myself, O God, and am consumed : for I &c.*

¹ Or, *that I
should have the
knowledge &c.*

¹ Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.
Who hath ascended up into heaven, and de- 4
scended ?

Who hath gathered the wind in his fists ?

Who hath bound the waters in his garment ?

Who hath established all the ends of the earth ?

What is his name, and what is his son's name,
if thou knowest ?

² See Ps. xii. 6 ;
xviii. 30.

³ Heb.
purified.

² Every word of God is ³ tried : 5
He is a shield unto them that trust in him.

Add thou not unto his words, 6
Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Two things have I asked of thee ; 7

Deny me *them* not before I die :

Remove far from me vanity and lies : 8

Give me neither poverty nor riches ;

⁴ Heb. *the
bread of my
portion.*

Feed me with ⁴the food that is needful for
me :

Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who is 9
the LORD ?

Or lest I be poor, and steal,

⁵ Heb. *handle.* ⁵ And use profanely the name of my God.

Slander not a servant unto his master, 10
Lest he curse thee, and thou be held guilty.

There is a generation that curseth their father, 11
And doth not bless their mother.

There is a generation that are pure in their own 12
eyes,

And *yet* are not washed from their filthiness.

There is a generation, Oh how lofty are their 13
eyes !

And their eyelids are lifted up.

There is a generation, whose teeth are *as* 14
swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives,

To devour the poor from off the earth, and the
needy from among men.

- 15 The ¹horseleach hath two daughters, ²*crying*, ¹ Or, *vampire*
Give, give. ² Or, called

There are three things that are never satisfied,
Yea, four that say not, Enough :

- 16 ³ The grave ; and the barren womb ; ³ Heb. *Sheol*.
The earth that is not satisfied with water ;
And the fire that saith not, Enough.

- 17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,
The ravens of ⁴the valley shall pick it out, ⁴ Or, *the*
And the ⁵young eagles shall eat it. ⁵ Or, *vultures*

- 18 There be three things which are too wonderful
for me,

Yea, four which I know not :

- 19 The way of an eagle in the air ;
The way of a serpent upon a rock ;
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea ;
And the way of a man with a maid.

- 20 So is the way of an adulterous woman ;
She eateth, and wipeth her mouth,
And saith, I have done no wickedness.

- 21 ⁶For three things the earth doth tremble, ⁶ Heb. *Under*.
And for four, *which* it cannot bear :

- 22 For a servant when he is king ;
And a fool when he is filled with meat ;
23 For an odious *woman* when she is married ;
And an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

- 24 There be four things which are little upon the
earth,

But they are exceeding wise :

- 25 The ants are a people not strong,

Yet they prepare their meat in the summer ;
 The ¹conies are but a feeble folk, 26
 Yet make they their houses in the rocks ;
 The locusts have no king, 27
 Yet go they forth all of them by bands ;
 The lizard taketh hold with her hands, 28
 And is in kings' palaces.

There be three things which are stately in their 29
 march,

Yea, four which are stately in going :
 The lion which is mightiest among beasts, 30
 And turneth not away for any ;

The ²greyhound ; the he goat also ; 31
 And the king, ³against whom there is no rising
 up.

If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, 32
 Or if thou hast thought evil,
 Lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

For the ⁴churning of milk bringeth forth butter, 33
 And the ⁴wringing of the nose bringeth forth
 blood :

So the ⁴forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

⁵ Or, *The words of Lemuel king of Massa, which &c.* See ch. xxx. 1, margin.
⁶ Or, *burden*
⁵ The words of king Lemuel ; the ⁶oracle which 1 31
 his mother taught him.

What, my son ? and what, O son of my womb ? 2
 And what, O son of my vows ?

Give not thy strength unto women, 3
 Nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings 4
 to drink wine ;

Nor for princes ⁷to say, Where is strong drink ?
 Lest they drink, and forget ⁸the law, 5

And pervert the judgement ⁹of any that is
 afflicted.

⁷ Another reading is, *to desire strong drink.*

⁸ Heb. *that which is decreed.*

⁹ Heb. *of all the sons of affliction.*

- 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to
perish,
And wine unto the bitter in soul.
- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all such as are ¹left desolate.
- 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And minister judgement to the poor and needy.
- 10 A virtuous woman who can find ?
For her price is far above ²rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of ³gain.
- 12 She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax,
And worketh ⁴willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant-ships ;
She bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth meat to her household,
And their ⁵task to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it :
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vine-
yard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profit-
able :
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her ⁶hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She spreadeth out her ⁷hand to the poor ;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household ;
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh for herself carpets of tapestry ;

¹ Or, *ready to pass away*
Heb. *the sons of passing away*.

² See Job xxviii. 18.

³ Heb. *spoil*.

⁴ Or, *at the business of*

⁵ Or, *portion*

⁶ Heb. *palms*.

⁷ Heb. *palm*.

Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates, 23
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh linen garments and selleth them; 24
And delivereth girdles unto the ¹merchant.
¹ Heb. Canaanite. Strength and dignity are her clothing; 25
And she laugheth at the time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; 26
And the ²law of kindness is on her tongue.
² Or, teaching She looketh well to the ways of her household, 27
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up, and call her blessed; 28
Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her, *saying*:
Many daughters have done virtuously, 29
But thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: 30
But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall
be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; 31
And let her works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES;

OR, THE PREACHER.

- 1 ¹ THE words of ¹the Preacher, the son of David, ¹ Or, *the great orator*
king in Jerusalem. ^{Heb. Koheleth.}
- 2 ²Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity ² Heb. *Vapour.*
- 3 of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath
- 4 man of all his labour wherein he laboureth
- 5 under the sun? One generation goeth, and
- 6 another generation cometh; and the earth
- 7 abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and
- 8 the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place
- 9 where he ariseth. The wind goeth toward the
- 10 south, and turneth about unto the north; it
- 11 turneth about continually in its course, and
- 12 the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the
- 13 ³rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; ³ Or, *torrents*
- 14 unto the place whither the rivers go, thither
- 15 they go again. ⁴All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁴ Or, *All words are feeble*
- 16 That which hath been is that which shall be;
- 17 and that which hath been done is that which
- 18 shall be done: and there is no new thing under
- 19 the sun. Is there a thing whereof men say,
- 20 See, this is new? it hath been already, in the
- 21 ages which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former *generations*; neither

shall there be any remembrance of the latter *generations* that are to come, among those that shall come after.

¹ ver. 1.

I the ¹Preacher was king over Israel in Je-¹²
rusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and ¹³
to search out by wisdom concerning all that is
done under heaven: it is a sore travail that
God hath given to the sons of men to be
exercised therewith. I have seen all the works ¹⁴
that are done under the sun; and, behold, all
is vanity and ²a striving after wind. That ¹⁵
which is crooked cannot be made straight: and
³that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, ¹⁶
I have gotten me great wisdom ⁴above all that
were before me ⁵in Jerusalem: yea, my heart
⁶hath had great experience of wisdom and know-
ledge. And I applied my heart to know wis- ¹⁷
dom, and to know madness and folly: I per-
ceived that this also was ⁷a striving after wind.
For in much wisdom is much grief: and he ¹⁸
that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

² Or, a feeding
on wind, or,
vexation of
spirit. And
so elsewhere.

³ Heb. defect.

⁴ Or, yea, more
than all

⁵ Heb. over.

⁶ Heb. hath
seen much
wisdom.

⁷ Or, vexation
of spirit

⁸ Or, and thou
shalt enjoy

⁹ Or, good

¹⁰ Or, holding
its course

¹¹ Heb.
the number of
the days of
their life.

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove ¹ **2**
thee with mirth; ⁸therefore enjoy ⁹pleasure:
and, behold, this also was vanity. I said of ²
laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth
it? I searched in mine heart how to cheer my ³
flesh with wine, mine heart yet ¹⁰guiding *me* with
wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might
see what it was good for the sons of men that
they should do under the heaven ¹¹all the days
of their life. I made me great works; I builded ⁴
me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made ⁵
me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in
them of all kinds of fruit: I made me pools ⁶
of water, to water therefrom the forest where
trees were reared: I bought men servants and ⁷
maidens, and had servants born in my house;

- also I had great possessions of herds and flocks above all that were before me in Jerusalem :
8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces : I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, ¹musical instruments and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem : also my wisdom ²remained
10 with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them : I withheld not my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labour ; and this was my portion from all
11 my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do : and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.
12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness and folly : for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king ? ³*even* that which
13 hath been already done. Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth
14 darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walketh in darkness : and yet I perceived that one event happeneth to them
15 all. Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so will it happen even to me ; and why was I then more wise ? Then I said in
16 my heart, that this also was vanity. For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no remembrance for ever ; seeing that in the days to come all will have been already forgotten. And how doth the wise man die even as the
17 fool ! So I hated life ; because the work that is wrought under the sun was grievous unto me :
18 for all is vanity and a striving after wind. Yea, I hated all my labour wherein I laboured under

¹ Or, concubines very many
The LXX. and Syriac render cup-bearers. The meaning of the Hebrew is very uncertain.

² Or, stood by me

³ Or, in those things which have been already done ?

the sun : seeing that I must leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And who knoweth 19 whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to 20 despair concerning all the labour wherein I had laboured under the sun. For there is a man 21 whose labour is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with ¹skilfulness; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he ²leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. For what hath a man of all his labour, 22 and of the ³striving of his heart, wherein he laboureth under the sun? For all his days are 23 *but* sorrows, and his travail is grief; yea, even in the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is vanity. ⁴There is nothing better for a man 24 *than* that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God. For 25 who can eat, or who can ⁵have enjoyment, ⁶more than I? For to the man that pleaseth him *God* 26 giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that pleaseth God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

To every thing there is a season, and a time 1 3
to every ⁷purpose under the heaven: a time to 2
be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and
a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time 3
to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break
down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, 4
and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a
time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and 5
a time to gather stones together; a time to

¹ Or, *success*

² Heb. *give*.

³ Or, *vexation*

⁴ Or, *It is not good for a man, that &c.*

⁵ Or, *hasten thereto*
⁶ According to some ancient authorities, *apart from him*.

⁷ Or, *matter*

- embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing ;
 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose ; a time to
 7 keep, and a time to cast away ; a time to rend,
 and a time to sew ; a time to keep silence, and
 8 a time to speak ; a time to love, and a time to
 hate ; a time for war, and a time for peace.
 9 What profit hath he that worketh in that where-
 10 in he laboureth ? I have seen the travail which
 God hath given to the sons of men to be
 11 exercised therewith. He hath made every thing
 beautiful in its time : also he hath set ¹the world ¹Or, *eternity*
 in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out
 the work that God hath done from the begin-
 12 ning even to the end. I know that there is
 nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and ²to ²Or, *to get*
 13 do good so long as they live. And also that ^{good}
 every man should eat and drink and enjoy
 14 good in all his labour, is the gift of God. I
 know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be
 for ever : nothing can be put to it, nor any thing
 taken from it : and God hath done it, that men
 15 should fear before him. ³That which is hath ³Or, *That*
 been already ; and that which is to be hath *which hath*
 already been ; and God ⁴seeketh again that *been had been*
 which is passed away. ^{already}
 16 And moreover I saw under the sun, in the
 place of judgement, that wickedness was there ;
 and in the place of righteousness, that wicked-
 17 ness was there. I said in mine heart, God shall
 judge the righteous and the wicked : for there
 is a time there for every ⁵purpose and for every ⁵Or, *matter*
 18 work. ⁶I said in mine heart, *It is* because of ⁶Or, *I said in*
 the sons of men, that God may prove them, *mine heart con-*
 and that they may see that they themselves *cerning the sons*
 19 are *but as* beasts. For that which befalleth *of men, It is*
 the sons of men befalleth beasts ; even one *that God &c.*
 thing befalleth them : as the one dieth, so dieth
 the other ; yea, they have all one ⁷breath ; and ⁷Or, *spirit*

man hath no preeminence above the beasts: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit ¹of man ²whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast ²whether it goeth downward to the earth? Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him *back* to see what shall be after him?

¹ Heb. *of the sons of men.*

² Or, *that goeth*

Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and ³on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive; yea, ⁴better than them both *did I* esteem him which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

³ Heb. *from the hand.*

⁴ Or, *better than they both is he which &c.*

⁵ Or, *successful*

Then I saw all labour and every ⁵skilful work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. Better is a handful with quietness, than ~~both the hands full~~ with labour and striving after wind.

Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. There is one that is alone, and he hath not a second; yea, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labour, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, *saieth he*, do I labour, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his

fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth: but how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who knoweth not how to receive admonition any more. For out of

14 prison he came forth to be king; ¹yea, even in his kingdom he was born poor. I saw all the

15 living which walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the second, that stood up in his

16 stead. ²There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was: yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 1 ³Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know

2 not that they do evil. ⁴Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter ⁵any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy

3 words be few. For a dream cometh with a multitude of ⁶business; and a fool's voice with

4 a multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no

pleasure in fools: pay that which thou vowest.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than 6 that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer

not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the ⁷angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice,

7 and destroy the work of thine hands? ⁸For *thus it cometh to pass* through the multitude of dreams and vanities and many words: but fear thou God.

¹ According to some ancient versions, *whereas the other though born in his kingdom became poor.*

² Or, *There is no end, in the mind of all the people, to all that hath been before them; they also &c.*

³ ch. iv. 17 in Heb.

⁴ ch. v. 1 in Heb.

⁵ Or, *a word*

⁶ Or, *travail*

⁷ Or, *messenger of God* See Mal. ii. 7.

⁸ Or, *For in the multitude of dreams and vanities are also many words; or, there are vanities and many words*

¹ Or, purpose

² Or, But the profit of a land every way is a king that maketh himself servant to the field; or, is a king over the cultivated field

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of judgement and justice in a province, marvel not at the ¹matter: for one higher than the high regardeth; and there be higher than they. ²Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this also is vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with his eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the fulness of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

³ Or, travail

There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt: and those riches perish by evil ⁴adventure; and if he hath begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that he hath laboured for the wind? ⁵All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he is sore vexed and hath sickness and wrath.

⁴ The LXX. has, All his days are in darkness and mourning, and much vexation and sickness and wrath.

⁵ Or, that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one &c.

⁶ Heb. the number of the days.

Behold ⁶that which I have seen to be good and to be comely, is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labour, wherein he laboureth under the sun, ⁷all the days of his life which God giveth him: for this is his portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice

20 in his labour; this is the gift of God. For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

- 6 ¹ There is an evil which I have seen under
 2 the sun, and it is heavy upon men: a man to
 whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honour, so
 that he lacketh nothing for his soul of all that
 he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to
 eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it; this is
 3 vanity, and it is an evil disease. If a man
 beget an hundred children, and live many years,
 so that the days of his years be many, but his
 soul be not filled with good, and moreover he
 have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is
 4 better than he: for it cometh in vanity, and
 departeth in darkness, and the name thereof
 5 is covered with darkness; moreover it hath not
 seen the sun ¹nor known it; ²this hath rest
 6 rather than the other: yea, though he live a
 thousand years twice told, and yet enjoy no
 7 good: do not all go to one place? All the
 labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the
 8 appetite is not filled. For what advantage
 hath the wise more than the fool? ³or what
 hath the poor man, that knoweth to walk before
 9 the living? Better is the sight of the eyes
 than the wandering of the desire: this also
 10 is vanity and a striving after wind. ⁴What-
 soever hath been, the name thereof was given
 long ago, and it is known that it is ⁵man: neither
 can he contend with him that is mightier than
 11 he. Seeing there be many things that increase
 12 vanity, what is man the better? For who know-
 eth what is good for man in *his* life, ⁶all the
 days of his vain life which he spendeth as a
 shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be
 after him under the sun?

¹ Or, neither had any knowledge

² Or, it is better with this than with the other

³ Or, or the poor man that hath understanding, in walking before the living

⁴ Or, Whosoever he be, his name was given him long ago, and it is known that he is man

⁵ Heb. Adam. See Gen. ii. 7.

⁶ Heb. the number of the days.

A *good* name is better than precious ointment; ¹ 7
 and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than ²
 to go to the house of feasting: for that is the
 end of all men; and the living will lay it to his
 heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by ³
 the sadness of the countenance the heart is made
¹glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of ⁴
 mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house
 of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of ⁵
 the wise, than for a man to hear the song of
 fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a ⁶
 pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is
 vanity. ²Surely extortion maketh a wise man ⁷
 foolish; and a gift destroyeth the understanding.
 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning ⁸
 thereof: *and* the patient in spirit is better than
 the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit ⁹
 to be ³angry: for ⁴anger resteth in the bosom
 of fools. Say not thou, What is the cause ¹⁰
 that the former days were better than these?
 for thou dost not inquire ⁵wisely concerning this.
 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance: yea, ¹¹
 more excellent is it for them that see the sun.
⁶For wisdom is a defence, even as money is ¹²
 a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is,
 that wisdom preserveth the life of *them* that
 have it. Consider the work of God: for who ¹³
 can make that straight, which he hath made
 crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, ¹⁴
 and in the day of adversity consider: God hath
 even made the one side by side with the other,
 to the end that man should not find out any
 thing *that shall be* after him.

All this have I seen in the days of my vanity: ¹⁵
 there is a righteous man that perisheth in his
 righteousness, and there is a wicked man that
 prolongeth *his life* in his evil doing. Be not ¹⁶

¹ Or, *better*

² Or, *For*

³ Or, *vexed*

⁴ Or, *vexation*

⁵ Heb.
out of wisdom.

⁶ Heb. *For in the shadow of wisdom, it is as in the shadow of money.*

righteous over much; neither make thyself over
 17 wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? Be
 not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish:
 18 why shouldest thou die before thy time? It
 is good that thou shouldest take hold of this;
 yea, also from that withdraw not thine hand:
 for he that feareth God shall come forth of
 19 them all. Wisdom is a strength to the wise
 man more than ten rulers which are in a city.
 20 ¹ Surely there is not a righteous man upon ¹ Or, For
 21 earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Also
² take not heed unto all words that are spoken; ² Heb. give not
 22 lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: for ^{thine heart.}
 oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that
 thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I ³ proved in wisdom: I said, I ³ Or, tried by
 24 will be wise; but it was far from me. That which
⁴ is is far off, and exceeding deep; who can find ⁴ Or,
 25 it out? I turned about, I and mine heart, to ^{hath been}
 know and to search out, and to seek wisdom
 and the reason of things, and to know the wick-
 edness of folly, and foolishness ⁵ which is mad- ⁵ Or, and
 26 ness: and I find a thing more bitter than
 death, *even* the woman whose heart is snares
 and nets, *and* her hands as bands: whoso
 pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the
 27 sinner shall be taken by her. Behold, this
 have I found, saith the Preacher, ⁶ laying one ⁶ Or, weighing
 thing to another, to find out the account: ^{one thing after}
 28 which my soul still seeketh, but I have not ^{another, to find}
 found: one man among a thousand have I ^{out the reason}
 found; but a woman among all those have I not
 29 found. Behold, this only have I found, that
 God made man upright; but they have sought
 out many inventions.

8 1 Who is as the wise man? yea, who know-
 eth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wis-
 dom maketh his face to shine, and the ⁷ hardness ⁷ Heb.
^{strength.}

of his face is changed. I counsel thee, Keep ² the king's command, and that in regard of the oath of God. Be not hasty to go out of his ³ presence; ¹persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. Because the ⁴ king's word hath power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? Whoso keepeth the ⁵ commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgement: for to every ²purpose there is a time ⁶ and judgement; because the ³misery of man is great upon him: for he knoweth not that ⁷ which shall be; ⁴for who can tell him how it shall be? There is no man that hath power ⁸ over the ⁵spirit to retain the ⁶spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge ⁶in that war: neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. All ⁹ this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: ⁷there is a time wherein one man ⁸hath power over another to his hurt. And withal I saw the ¹⁰ wicked buried, ⁹and they came to the grave; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity. Because sentence against ¹¹ an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is ¹⁰fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hun- ¹² dred times, and prolong his days, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: but it shall not ¹³ be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. There is a vanity ¹⁴ which is done upon the earth; that there be righteous men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be

¹ Or, resist not
an evil word

² Or, matter

³ Or, evil

⁴ Or, for even
when it cometh
to pass, who
shall declare it
unto him?

⁵ Or, wind

⁶ Or, in battle

⁷ Or, that
time wherein

⁸ Or, ruleth
over another
to his own hurt

⁹ Or, and they
came, and they
went from the
holy place, and
they were for-
gotten in the
city where they
had so done

¹⁰ Or,
emboldened

wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous : I said that this also
 15 is vanity. Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry : ¹for that shall abide with him in his labour *all* the days of his life which God giveth him under the sun.

¹ Or, and that this should accompany him

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the ²business that is done upon the earth : (³for also *there is that* neither day nor
 17 night seeth sleep with his eyes :) then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun : because however much a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it ; yea moreover, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be

² Or, travail

³ Or, how that neither by day nor night do men see sleep with their eyes

9 1 able to find it. For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this ; that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God : whether it be love or hatred, man knoweth it
 2 not ; all is before them. All things come alike to all : there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked ; to the ⁴good and to the clean, and to the unclean ; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not : as is the good, so is the sinner ; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth

⁴ Some ancient versions add, and to the evil.

3 an oath. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all : yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they

4 live, and after that *they go* to the dead. ⁵For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope : for a living dog is better than, a
 5 dead lion. For the living know that they shall die : but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward ; for the

⁵ Another reading is, For who is exempted? With all &c. Or, Who can choose? With all &c.

6 memory of them is forgotten. Also their

love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and 7
drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God
hath already accepted thy works. Let thy gar- 8
ments be always white; and let not thy head
lack ointment. ¹Live joyfully with the wife 9
whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy
vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun,
all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy
portion in life, and in thy labour wherein thou
labourest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand 10

¹ Or, *Enjoy*
(Heb. *See*) *life*

² Or, *attaineth*
to do by thy
strength,
that do

³ Heb. *Sheol*.

²findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for
there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge,
nor wisdom, in ³the grave, whither thou goest.
I returned, and saw under the sun, that the 11
race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the
strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet
riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour
to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth
to them all. For man also knoweth not his 12
time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil
net, and as the birds that are caught in the
snare, even so are the sons of men snared in
an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

I have also seen wisdom under the sun on 13
this wise, and it seemed great unto me: There 14
was a little city, and few men within it; and
there came a great king against it, and besieged
it, and built great bulwarks against it: now 15
there was found in it a poor wise man, and he
by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man
remembered that same poor man. Then said 16
I, Wisdom is better than strength: never-
theless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and
his words are not heard.

- 17 The words of the wise ¹*spoken* in quiet are ¹ Or, *heard in quiet are better than &c.*
 heard more than the cry of him that ruleth
 18 among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons
 of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.
 10 1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer
²to send forth a stinking savour: *so* doth a little ² Or, *to stink and putrefy*
 2 folly ³outweigh wisdom and honour. A wise ³ Or, *him that is valued for &c.*
 man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's
 3 heart at his left. Yea also, when the fool walk-
 eth by the way, his ⁴wisdom faileth him, and he ⁴ Heb. *heart.*
 4 saith ⁵to every one *that* he is a fool. If the ⁵ Or, *of*
 spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave
 not thy place; for yielding allayeth great of-
 5 fences. There is an evil which I have seen
 under the sun, as it were an error which pro-
 6 ceedeth from the ruler: folly is set in great
 7 ⁶dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have ⁶ Heb. *heights.*
 seen servants upon horses, and princes walking
 8 as servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a
 pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through
 9 a fence, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso ⁷ Or, *moveth*
 7 hew-
 eth out stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he
 that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby.
 10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet
 the edge, then must he put to more strength:
 11 but wisdom is profitable to direct. ⁸ Or, *Surely the serpent will bite where there is no enchantment, and the slanderer is no better*
 8 If the ser-
 pent bite without enchantment, then is there
 12 no advantage in ⁹the charmer. The words of
 a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of
 13 a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning
 of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the
 14 end of ¹⁰his talk is mischievous madness. A
 fool also multiplieth words: *yet* man knoweth
 not what shall be; and that which shall be after
 15 him, who can tell him? The labour of fools
 wearieth every one of them, for he knoweth
 16 not how to go to the city. Woe to thee, O
 land, when thy king is a ¹¹ Or, *servant*
 11 child, and thy princes

eat in the morning! Happy art thou, O land, 17
when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy
princes eat in due season, for strength, and not
for drunkenness! By slothfulness the ¹roof 18
sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands
the house leaketh. A feast is made for laughter, 19
and wine maketh glad the life: and money an-
swereth all things. Curse not the king, no not 20
in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy
bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry
the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell
the matter.

¹ Or, *rafters*

² Or,
Send forth

³ Heb.
*upon the face
of the waters.*

⁴ Or, *Divide a
portion into
seven, yea, even
into eight*

⁵ Or, *in*

⁶ Or, *spirit*

⁷ Or, *and
remember*

²Cast thy bread ³upon the waters: for thou 1 11
shalt find it after many days. ⁴Give a portion 2
to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou knowest
not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the 3
clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves
upon the earth: and if a tree fall ⁵toward the
south, or ⁵toward the north, in the place where
the tree falleth, there shall it be. He that 4
observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that
regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou 5
knowest not what is the way of the ⁶wind, *nor*
how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that
is with child; even so thou knowest not the
work of God who doeth all. In the morning 6
sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not
thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall
prosper, whether this or that, or whether they
both shall be alike good. Truly the light is 7
sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to
behold the sun. Yea, if a man live many years, 8
let him rejoice in them all; ⁷but let him remem-
ber the days of darkness, for they shall be
many. All that cometh is vanity.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let 9
thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,
and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in

- the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for youth and the prime of life are vanity. Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain: in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the ¹grinders cease because they are few, and those ¹ that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street, when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of ~~the~~ bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; yea, they shall be afraid ²of *that which is high*, and terrors *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper ³shall be a burden, and ⁴the caper-berry shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be ⁵loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
- 8 Vanity of vanities, saith ⁶the Preacher; all is vanity.
- 9 And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he pondered, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find out ⁷acceptable words, and that which was written uprightly, even words of truth.

¹ Or, grinding women² Or, of danger from on high³ Or, shall be a burden to itself⁴ Or, desire⁵ Or, snapped asunder⁶ See ch. i. 1.⁷ Heb. words of delight.

¹ Or, *collections of sayings*

² Or, *And as for more than these, my son, beware*

³ Or, *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter*

⁴ Or, *this is the duty of all men*

The words of the wise are as goads, and as 11
 nails well fastened are ¹*the words of* the mas-
 ters of assemblies, *which* are given from one
 shepherd. ²And furthermore, my son, be ad- 12
 monished : of making many books there is no
 end ; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
³*This is* the end of the matter ; all hath been 13
 heard : Fear God, and keep his commandments ;
 for ⁴this is the whole *duty* of man. For God 14
 shall bring every work into judgement, with
 every hidden thing, whether it be good or
 whether it be evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

1 1 THE song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth :
For thy love is better than wine.

3 Thine ointments have a goodly fragrance ;
Thy name is *as* ointment poured forth ;
Therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me ; we will run after thee :
The king hath brought me into his chambers :
We will be glad and rejoice in thee,
We will make mention of thy love more than
of wine :

¹ Rightly do they love thee.

¹ Or, *In up-
rightness*

5 I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am swarthy,
Because the sun hath ² scorched me.
My mother's sons were incensed against me,
They made me keeper of the vineyards ;
But mine own vineyard have I not kept.

² Or, *looked
upon*

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where thou feedest *thy flock*, where thou makest
it to rest at noon :

¹ Most ancient
versions have,
wandereth.

For why should I be as one that ¹is veiled
Beside the flocks of thy companions?

If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, 8
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

² Or, *my friend*
(and so
throughout)
³ Or, *To my*
steed

I have compared thee, O ²my love, 9
³To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
Thy cheeks are comely with plaits *of hair*, 10
Thy neck with strings of jewels.
We will make thee plaits of gold 11
With studs of silver.

⁴ Or, *bag*

While the king sat at his table, 12
My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
My beloved is unto me as a ⁴bundle of myrrh, 13
That lieth betwixt my breasts.

⁵ Heb. *copher.*

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of ⁵henna- 14
flowers
In the vineyards of En-gedi.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art 15
fair;

⁶ Or, *Thou hast*
doves' eyes

⁶Thine eyes are *as doves*.

Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: 16
Also our couch is green.

⁷ Or, *houses*
⁸ Or, *of cedar*
...of fir

The beams of our ⁷house are ⁸cedars, 17
And our rafters are ⁸firs.

⁹ Or, *cypresses*

I am a ¹⁰rose of ¹¹Sharon, 1 2
A lily of the valleys.

¹⁰ Heb. *habaz-*
zeleth, the
autumn
crocus.

As a lily among thorns, 2
So is my love among the daughters.

¹² Or, *citron*

As the ¹²apple tree among the trees of the 3
wood,

So is my beloved among the sons.

¹I sat down under his shadow with great delight, ¹ Heb. *I de-lighted and sat down &c.*
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

⁴ He brought me to the ²banqueting house, ² Heb.
And his banner over me was love. *house of wine.*

⁵ Stay ye me with ³raisins, comfort me with ⁴apples: ³ Heb. *cakes of raisins.*
For I am sick of love.

⁶ ⁵His left hand *is* under my head, ⁴ Or, *citrons*
And his right hand doth embrace me. ⁵ Or, *Let his left hand be &c.*

⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the ⁶roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not up, nor ⁷awaken love,
Until it please. ⁶ Or, *gazelles*
⁷ Or, *awaken my love, until he please* And so in iii. 5, viii. 4.

⁸ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a ⁸roe or a young hart: ⁸ Or, *gazelle*
Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh in at the windows,
He ⁹sheweth himself through the lattice. ⁹ Or, *glanceth*

¹⁰ My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

¹¹ For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the ¹⁰singing *of birds* is come, ¹⁰ Or, *pruning of vines*
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

¹³ The fig tree ripeneth her green figs,
And the vines are in blossom,
They give forth their fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

¹⁴ O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the steep place,
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;

For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil
the vineyards: 15

For our vineyards are in blossom.

My beloved is mine, and I am his: 16

He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.

¹ Or, *When
the day is cool*

¹ Until the day ² be cool, and the shadows flee
away, 17

² Heb. *breathe*.

³ Or, *gazelle*

Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a ³ roe or a
young hart

⁴ Or,
*mountains of
separation*

Upon the ⁴ mountains of ⁵ Bethel.

⁵ Perhaps the
spice *malobathron*.

By night on my bed I sought him whom my
soul loveth: 3

I sought him, but I found him not.

I said, I will rise now, and go about the city, 2

In the streets and in the broad ways,

I will seek him whom my soul loveth:

I sought him, but I found him not.

The watchmen that go about the city found me: 3

To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul
loveth?

It was but a little that I passed from them, 4

When I found him whom my soul loveth:

I held him, and would not let him go,

Until I had brought him into my mother's
house,

And into the chamber of her that conceived me.

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, 5

⁶ Or, *gazelles*

By the ⁶ roes, and by the hinds of the field,

That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,

Until it please.

Who is this that cometh up out of the wilder-
ness like pillars of smoke, 6

Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,

With all powders of the merchant?

Behold, it is the litter of Solomon; 7

Threescore mighty men are about it,

Of the mighty men of Israel.

- 8 They all handle the sword, *and* are expert in war:

Every man hath his sword upon his thigh,
Because of fear in the night.

- 9 King Solomon made himself ¹a palanquin
Of the wood of Lebanon.

¹ Or, *a car of state*

- 10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,
The bottom thereof of gold, the seat of it of purple,

The midst thereof being ²paved with love,
From the daughters of Jerusalem.

² Or, *inlaid*

- 11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold
king Solomon,

With the crown wherewith his mother hath
crowned him in the day of his espousals,
And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

- 4 1 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;

³Thine eyes are *as* doves behind thy ⁴veil:

³ Or, *Thou hast doves' eyes*

Thy hair is as a flock of goats,

⁴ Or, *locks*

That ⁵lie along the side of mount Gilead.

⁵ Or, *appear on mount Gilead*

- 2 ⁶Thy teeth are like a flock *of ewes* that are *newly*
shorn,

⁶ *ch. vi. 6.*

Which are come up from the washing;

⁷Whereof every one hath twins,

⁷ Or, *Which are all of them in pairs*

And none is bereaved among them.

- 3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,

⁸ Or, *speech*

And thy ⁸mouth is comely:

Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate
Behind thy ⁴veil.

- 4 Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for
an armoury,

Whereon there hang a thousand bucklers,

All the shields of the mighty men.

- 5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns that are
twins of a roe,

Which feed among the lilies.

¹ Or, *When
the day is cool*

¹ Until the day ² be cool, and the shadows flee 6
away,

² Heb. *breathe.*

I will get me to the mountain of myrrh,
And to the hill of frankincense.

Thou art all fair, my love;

7

And there is no spot in thee.

Come with me from Lebanon, *my* bride,

8

With me from Lebanon:

³ Or, *Go*

³ Look from the top of Amana,

From the top of Senir and Hermon,

From the lions' dens,

From the mountains of the leopards.

⁴ Or, *given me
courage*

Thou hast ⁴ ravished my heart, my sister, *my* 9
bride;

⁵ Or, *one look
from thine eyes*

Thou hast ⁴ ravished my heart with ⁵ one of
thine eyes,

With one chain of thy neck.

How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* bride!

10

How much better is thy love than wine!

And the smell of thine ointments than all
manner of spices!

⁶ Or, *drop
honey*

Thy lips, O *my* bride, ⁶ drop *as* the honeycomb: 11

Honey and milk are under thy tongue;

And the smell of thy garments is like the smell
of Lebanon.

⁷ Heb. *barred.*

A garden ⁷ shut up is my sister, *my* bride;

12

⁸ Or, *accord-
ing to many
ancient autho-
rities, garden*

A ⁸ spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Thy shoots are ⁹ an orchard of pomegranates, 13
with precious fruits;

⁹ Or, *a
paradise*

Henna with spikenard plants,

Spikenard and saffron,

14

Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frank-
incense;

Myrrh and aloes with all the chief spices.

Thou art a fountain of gardens,

15

A well of living waters,

And flowing streams from Lebanon.

- 16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south;
Blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof
may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his garden,
And eat his precious fruits.

- 5 1 I am come into my garden, my sister, *my*
bride:

I have gathered my myrrh with my ¹spice; ¹ Or, *balsam*
I have eaten my ²honeycomb with my honey; ² Or, *wild*
honey
I have drunk my wine with my milk.
Eat, O friends;
Drink, yea, drink abundantly, ³O beloved. ³ Or, *of love*

- 2 I was asleep, but my heart waked:
It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh,
saying,
Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my
⁴undefiled:

⁴ Heb. *perfect*.

For my head is filled with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night.

- 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on?
I have washed my feet; how shall I defile
them?

- 4 My beloved put in his hand ⁵by the hole of *the*
door, ⁵ Or, *by the*
window

And my ⁶heart was moved ⁷for him.

⁶ Heb. *bowels*.

- 5 I rose up to open to my beloved;
And my hands dropped with myrrh,
And my fingers with liquid myrrh,
Upon the handles of the bolt.

⁷ According to
many MSS.
within me.

- 6 I opened to my beloved;
But my beloved had ⁸withdrawn himself, *and*
was gone:

⁸ Or, *turned*
away

My soul ⁹had failed me when he spake:
I sought him, but I could not find him;

⁹ Heb. *went*
forth.

I called him, but he gave me no answer.
 The watchmen that go about the city found me, 7
 They smote me, they wounded me ;
 The keepers of the walls took away my mantle
 from me.
 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye 8
 find my beloved,

¹ Heb. *What
will ye tell
him? That,
&c.*

¹ That ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved, 9
 O thou fairest among women ?
 What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved,
 That thou dost so adjure us ?

² Heb. *Marked
out by a banner.*

My beloved is white and ruddy, 10
² The chiefest among ten thousand.

³ Or, *curling*

His head is *as* the most fine gold, 11

⁴ Or, *sitting by
full streams
Heb. sitting
on fulness.*

His locks are ³ bushy, *and* black as a raven. 12
 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks ;
 Washed with milk, *and* ⁴ fitly set.

⁵ Or, *balsam*

⁶ Or, *towers of
perfumes*

⁷ Or, *cylinders*

⁸ Or, *topaz*

⁹ Or, *bright
ivory*

¹⁰ Or, *en-
crusted*

His cheeks are as a bed of ⁵ spices, *as* ⁶ banks of 13
 sweet herbs :

His lips are *as* lilies, dropping liquid myrrh.

His hands are *as* ⁷ rings of gold set with ⁸ beryl : 14

His body is *as* ⁹ ivory work ¹⁰ overlaid *with*
 sapphires.

His legs are *as* pillars of marble, set upon 15
 sockets of fine gold :

His aspect is like Lebanon, excellent as the
 cedars.

¹¹ Or, *speech
Heb. palate.*

His ¹¹ mouth is most sweet : yea, he is altogether 16
 lovely.

This is my beloved, and this is my friend,
 O daughters of Jerusalem.

Whither is thy beloved gone,
 O thou fairest among women ?
 Whither hath thy beloved turned him,

I 6

That we may seek him with thee ?

- 2 My beloved is gone down to his garden, to the
beds of ¹spices, ¹ Or, *balsam*
To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
- 3 ²I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine : ² ch. ii. 16.
He feedeth among the lilies.
- 4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,
Comely as Jerusalem,
Terrible as ³an army with banners. ³ Heb. *bannered* hosts.
- 5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they ⁴have overcome me : ⁴ Or, *make me*
afraid
Thy hair is ⁵as a flock of goats ⁵ ch. iv. 1.
That ⁶lie along the side of Gilead. ⁶ Or, *appear on*
Gilead
- 6 ⁷Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes,
Which are come up from the washing ; ⁷ ch. iv. 2.
Whereof every one hath twins,
And none is bereaved among them.
- 7 ⁸Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate ⁸ ch. iv. 3.
Behind thy ⁹veil. ⁹ Or, *locks*
- 8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines,
And virgins without number.
- 9 My dove, my ¹⁰undefiled, is *but* one ; ¹⁰ Heb. *perfect*.
She is the only one of her mother ;
She is the ¹¹choice one of her that bare her. ¹¹ Or, *pure*
The daughters saw her, and called her blessed ;
Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they
praised her.
- 10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon,
¹¹Clear as the sun,
¹²*And* terrible as an army with banners ? ¹² ver. 4.
- 11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To see the green plants of the valley,

To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.

¹ Or, *made me like the chariots of Amminadib* [ch. vii. 1 in Heb.] Or ever I was aware, my soul ¹set me 12
Among the chariots of my ²princely people.

² Or, *willing* Return, return, O Shulammite ; 13
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.

Why will ye look upon the Shulammite,
As upon the dance ³of two companies ?

³ Or, *of Mahanaim*, Gen. xxxii. 2. How beautiful are thy ⁴feet in sandals, O prince's 1 **7**
⁴ Or, *steps* daughter!

⁵ Or, *The contour of thy thighs is &c.* ⁵The joints of thy thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands of a cunning workman.
Thy navel is *like* a round goblet, 2
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting :
Thy belly is *like* an heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.

⁶ ch. iv. 5. ⁶Thy two breasts are like two fawns 3
That are twins of a roe.

⁷ Or, *the ivory tower* Thy neck is like ⁷a tower of ivory ; 4
Thine eyes *as* the pools in Heshbon, by the
gate of Bath-rabbim ;

Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looketh toward Damascus.

Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, 5

⁸ Some ancient versions have, *like the purple of a king, bound &c.* And the hair of thine head ⁸like purple ;
The king is held captive in the tresses *thereof*. 6

How fair and how pleasant art thou, 7
O love, for delights!

This thy stature is like to a palm tree, 7
And thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*.

I said, I will climb up into the palm tree, 8

I will take hold of the branches thereof :

⁹ Heb. *nose*. Let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,

¹⁰ Or, *citrons* And the smell of thy ⁹breath like ¹⁰apples ;

¹¹ Heb. *palate*. And thy ¹¹mouth like the best wine, 9

- That goeth down ¹smoothly for my beloved,
²Gliding through the lips of those that are
 asleep.
- ¹⁰ I am my beloved's,
 And his desire is toward me.
- ¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the
 field;
 Let us lodge in the villages.
- ¹² Let us get up early to the vineyards;
 Let us see whether the vine hath budded, *and*
³its blossom be open,
And the pomegranates be in flower:
 There will I give thee my love.
- ¹³ The mandrakes give forth fragrance,
 And ⁴at our doors are all manner of precious
 fruits, new and old,
Which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.
- ⁸ ¹ O that thou wert as my brother,
 That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I would kiss
 thee;
 Yea, and none would despise me.
- ² I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my
 mother's house,
⁵Who would instruct me;
 I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
 Of the ⁶juice of my pomegranate.
- ³ ⁷His left hand *should be* under my head,
 And his right hand should embrace me.
- ⁴ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
⁸That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,
 Until it please.
- ⁵ Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness,
 Leaning upon her beloved?
- Under the ⁹apple tree I awakened thee:

¹ Heb. *aright*.² Or, *Causing the lips of those that are asleep to move*³ Or, *the tender grape appear*⁴ Or, *over*⁵ Or, *That thou mightest*⁶ Or, *sweet wine*⁷ ch. ii. 6, 7.⁸ Heb. *Why should ye stir up? or why &c.*⁹ Or, *citron tree*

¹ Or, *and* There thy mother was in travail with thee,
There was she in travail ¹that brought thee
forth.

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal ⁶
upon thine arm :

For love is strong as death ;

² Heb. *hard*. Jealousy is ²cruel as ³the grave :

³ Heb. *Sheol*. The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,

⁴ Or, *A most vehement flame* ⁴A very flame of ⁵the LORD.

⁵ Heb. *Jah*. Many waters cannot quench love, 7

Neither can the floods drown it :

If a man would give all the substance of his
house for love,

⁶ Or, *It* ⁶He would utterly be contemned.

We have a little sister, 8

And she hath no breasts :

What shall we do for our sister

In the day when she shall be spoken for ?

If she be a wall, 9

⁷ Or, *battlements* We will build upon her ⁷a turret of silver :

And if she be a door,

We will inclose her with boards of cedar.

⁸ Or, *was* I ⁸am a wall, and my breasts like the towers ¹⁰
thereof:

Then was I in his eyes as one that found peace.

Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon ; 11

He let out the vineyard unto keepers ;

Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a
thousand *pieces* of silver.

My vineyard, which is mine, is before me : 12

Thou, O Solomon, shalt have the thousand,

And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

Thou that dwellest in the gardens, 13

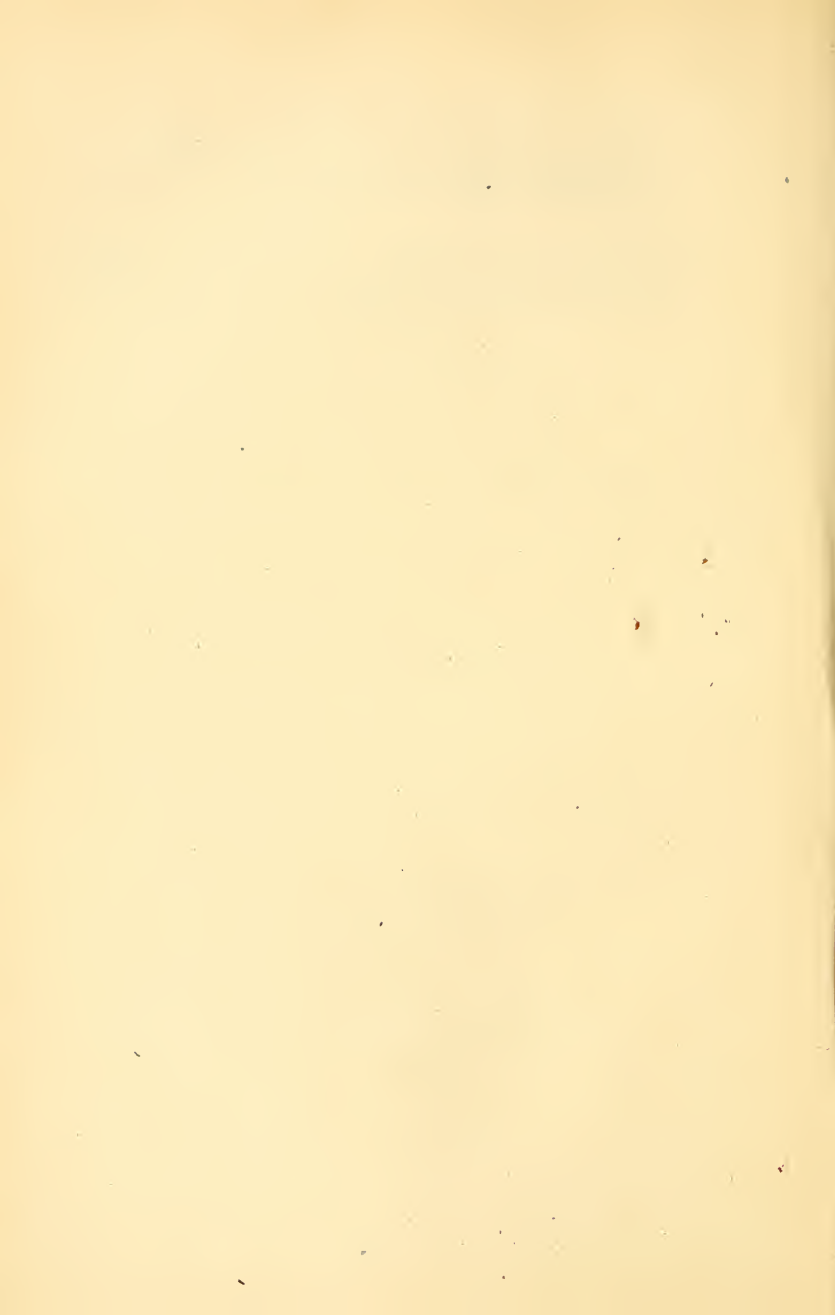
The companions hearken ¹for thy voice :
Cause me to hear it.

¹ Or, *to*

14 ²Make haste, my beloved,
And be thou like to a ³roe or to a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

² Heb. *Flee*
away.

³ Or, *gazelle*



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ISAIAH.

1 THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath spoken : I have ¹nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled

¹ Or, *made great and exalted*
Ezek. xxxi. 4.

3 against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib : Israel doth not know,

4 my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that deal corruptly : they have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged *and gone* backward.

5 ²Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more ? the whole head is sick, and

² Or, *Why should ye be stricken any more ? ye will revolt &c.*

6 the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it ; *but* wounds, and bruises, and ³festering sores : they have not been closed, neither bound

³ Or, *fresh stripes*

7 up, neither mollified with ⁴ointment. Your country is desolate ; your cities are burned with fire ; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, ⁵as overthrown by

⁴ Or, *oil*

8 strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the

⁵ Or, *as the overthrow of strangers*

LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of 10
Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God,
ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is 11
the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith
the LORD: I am full of the burnt-offerings of
rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight
not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of
he-goats. When ye come to appear before 12
me, who hath required this at your hand, to
trample my courts? Bring no more ¹vain obla- 13
tions; incense is an abomination unto me; new
moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—
²I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn 14
meeting. Your new moons and your appointed
feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto
me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye 15
spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes
from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I
will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil 16
of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to
do evil; learn to do well; seek judgement, ³re- 17
lieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead
for the widow. Come now, and let us reason 18
together, saith the LORD: though your sins be
as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though
they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the 19
good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye 20
shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth
of the LORD hath spoken it.

How is the faithful city become an harlot! 21
she that was full of judgement! righteousness
lodged in her, but now murderers. Thy silver 22
is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

¹ Heb. an
oblation of
vanity.

² Or, I cannot
away with; it
is iniquity,
even the
solemn meet-
ing

³ Or, set
right the
oppressor

23 thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine

25 enemies: and I will ¹turn my hand upon thee, and ²thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will

26 take away all thy ³tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called,

The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and

28 ⁴her converts with righteousness. But the

⁵destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the

29 LORD shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that

30 ye have chosen. For ye shall be as ⁶an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no

31 water. And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a spark; and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

2 ¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 ⁷And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established ⁸in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations

3 shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from

¹ Or, bring my hand again

² Or, as with lye ashes

³ Or, lead

⁴ Or, they that return of her

⁵ Heb. breaking.

⁶ Or, a terebinth

⁷ See Micah iv. 1—3.

⁸ Or, at the head

¹ Or, among *all* Jerusalem. And he shall judge ¹between the ⁴nations, and shall ²reprove many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

² Or, decide *the* concerning *the*

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk ⁵in the light of the LORD. For thou hast for- ⁶saken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be filled *with customs* from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they ³please themselves in the children of strangers. Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither ⁷is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. Their land also is full of ⁸idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

³ Or, strike *the* hands with

⁴ Or, boweth *down*

⁵ Or, humbleth *himself*

And the mean man ⁴is bowed down, and the ⁹great man ⁵is brought low: therefore forgive them not. Enter into the rock, and hide thee ¹⁰in the dust, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty. The lofty ¹¹looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For ¹²

⁶ Or, the LORD *of hosts* hath *a day*

⁶there shall be a day of the LORD of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low: and ¹³upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high mountains, and upon all ¹⁴the hills that are lifted up, and upon every lofty ¹⁵tower, and upon every fenced wall, and upon all ¹⁶the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant ¹⁷imagery. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low: and the LORD alone shall be

⁷ Or, watch *towers*

- 18 exalted in that day. And the idols shall utterly
 19 pass away. And they shall go into the caves of
 the rocks, and into the holes of the dust, from
 before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory
 of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily
 20 the earth. In that day a man shall cast away
 his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which
 they made for him to worship, to the moles and
 21 to the bats; to go into the caverns of the rocks,
 and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from be-
 fore the terror of the LORD, and from the glory
 of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily
 22 the earth. Cease ye from man, whose breath is in
 his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?
- 3 1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
 doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah
 stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the
 2 whole stay of water; the mighty man, and the
 man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and
 3 the diviner, and the ancient; the captain of
 fifty, and the honourable man, and the coun-
 sellor, and the cunning artificer, and the skilful
 4 enchanter. And I will give children to be their
 5 princes, and ¹babes shall rule over them. And
 the people shall be oppressed, every one by
 another, and every one by his neighbour: the
 child shall behave himself proudly against the
 6 ~~ancient~~, and the base against the honourable.
- 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in
 the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast
 apparel, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be
 7 under thy hand: in that day shall he lift up *his*
voice, saying, I will not be a ²healer; for in my
 house is neither bread nor apparel: ye shall not
 8 make me ruler of the people. For Jerusalem
 is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their
 tongue and their doings are against the LORD,
 9 to provoke the eyes of his glory. ³The shew

¹ Or, with
childishness
shall they rule
over them

² Heb. binder
up.

³ Or, Their
respecting of
persons doth
etc.

of their countenance doth witness against them ;
 and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide
 it not. Woe unto their soul ! for they have
 rewarded evil unto themselves. Say ye of the ¹⁰
 righteous, that *it shall be well with him* : for
 they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe ¹¹
 unto the wicked ! *it shall be ill with him* : for
 the reward of his hands shall be ¹given him.
 As for my people, children are their oppressors, ¹²
 and women rule over them. O my people, they
 which lead thee cause thee to err, and ²destroy
 the way of thy paths. The LORD standeth up ¹³
 to plead, and standeth to judge the ³people.
 The LORD will enter into judgement with the ¹⁴
~~ancients~~ *doers* of his people, and the princes thereof :
 It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard ; the
 spoil of the poor is in your houses : what mean ¹⁵
 ye that ye crush my people, and grind the face
 of the poor ? saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

Moreover the LORD said, Because the ¹⁶
 daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with
 stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking
 and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling
 with their feet : therefore the Lord will smite ¹⁷
 with a scab the crown of the head of the
 daughters of Zion, and the LORD will lay bare
 their secret parts. In that day the Lord will ¹⁸
 take away the bravery of their anklets, and
 the ⁴cauls, and the crescents, the pendants, and ¹⁹
 the bracelets, and the mufflers, the head-tires, ²⁰
 and the ankle chains, and the sashes, and the
 perfume boxes, and the amulets, the rings, and ²¹
 the nose jewels, the festival robes, and the man- ²²
 tles, and the shawls, and the satchels, the hand ²³
 mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and
 the veils. And it shall come to pass, that in- ²⁴
 stead of sweet spices there shall be rottenness ;
 and instead of a girdle a rope ; and instead of

¹ Heb. *done to him.*

² Heb. *swallow up.*

³ Or, *peoples*

⁴ Or, *networks*

- 25 well set hair baldness; and instead of a sto-
 macher a girding of sackcloth: branding instead
 26 of beauty. Thy men shall fall by the sword,
 and thy ¹mighty in the war. And her gates ¹Heb. might.
 shall lament and mourn; and she being ²deso- ²Or, emptied
 4 ¹late shall sit upon the ground. And seven Heb. cleansed.
 women shall take hold of one man in that day,
 saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear
 our own apparel: only let us be called by thy
 name; take thou away our reproach.
 2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD
 be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the
³earth shall be excellent and comely for them ³Or, land
 3 that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come
 to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that
 remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,
 even every one that is written ⁴among the ⁴Or, unto
 4 living in Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have life
 washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
 and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem
 from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judge-
 5 ment, and by the spirit of burning. And the
 LORD will create over ⁵the whole habitation of ⁵Or, every
 mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud dwelling place
 and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming
 fire by night: for over all the glory *shall be*
 6 *spread* a canopy. And there shall be a pavilion
 for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and
 for a refuge and for a covert from storm and
 from rain.
 5 ¹ Let me sing ⁶for my wellbeloved a song of ⁶Or, of
 my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-
 beloved had a vineyard in ⁷a very fruitful hill: ⁷Heb. a horn,
 2 and he ⁸made a trench about it, and gathered the son of oil.
 out the stones thereof, and planted it with the ⁸Or, digged it
 choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of
 it, and also hewed out a winepress therein: and
 he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and

it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O 3
 inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah,
 judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
 What could have been done more to my vine- 4
 yard, that I have not done in it? wherefore,
 when I looked that it should bring forth grapes,
 brought it forth wild grapes? And now go 5
 to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard:
 I will take away the hedge thereof, and it
 shall be ¹eaten up; I will break down the fence
 thereof, and it shall be trodden down: and I 6
 will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor
 hoed; but there shall come up briers and thorns:
 I will also command the clouds that they rain
 no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD 7
 of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of
 Judah ²his pleasant plant: and he looked for
 judgement, but behold ³oppression; for right-
 eousness, but behold a cry.

¹ Or, burnt

² Heb. the
 plant of his
 delight.

³ Or, shedding
 of blood

Woe unto them that join house to house, 8
 that lay field to field, till there be no room,
 and ye be made to dwell alone in the midst
 of the land! In mine ears saith the LORD 9
 of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be
 desolate, even great and fair, without in-
 habitant. For ten acres of vineyard shall 10
 yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield
 but an ephah.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the 11
 morning, that they may follow strong drink;
 that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame
 them! And the harp and the lute, the tabret 12
 and the pipe, and wine, are *in* their feasts: but
 they regard not the work of the LORD, neither
 have they considered the operation of his hands.
 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, for 13
 lack of knowledge: and ⁴their honourable men
 are famished, and their multitude are parched

⁴ Heb. their
 glory are men
 of famine.

- 14 with thirst. Therefore ¹hell hath enlarged her ¹ Heb. *Sheol*.
desire, and opened her mouth without measure:
and their glory, and their multitude, and their
²pomp, and he that rejoiceth among them, de- ² Or, *tumult*
15 scend *into it*. And the mean man is bowed
down, and the great man is humbled, and the
16 eyes of the lofty are humbled: but the LORD of
hosts is exalted in judgement, and God the Holy
17 One is sanctified in righteousness. Then shall
the lambs feed as in their pasture, and the waste
places of the fat ones shall ³wanderers eat. ³ Or, *strangers*
18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords
of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:
19 that say, Let him make speed, let him hasten
his work, that we may see it: and let the coun-
sel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and
come, that we may know it!
20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good
evil; that put darkness for light, and light for
darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet
for bitter!
21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own
eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink
wine, and men of strength to mingle strong
23 drink: which justify the wicked for a reward,
and take away the righteousness of the right-
24 eous from him! Therefore as the tongue of
fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass
sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be
as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as
dust: because they have rejected the law of the
LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the
25 Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of
the LORD kindled against his people, and he
hath stretched forth his hand against them, and
hath smitten them, and the hills did tremble,
and their carcasses were as refuse in the midst of

the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. And ²⁶ he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for ¹them from the end of the earth: and, behold, ²they shall come with speed swiftly: none shall be weary nor stumble among ²⁷ them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: whose arrows ²⁸ are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: their roaring shall be like a ²⁹ lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. And they shall roar against them in that day ³⁰ like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, ³behold darkness *and* distress, and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the ¹ ⁶ Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his ⁴train filled the temple. Above him ² stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, ³ holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: ⁵the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the ⁴ thresholds were moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; ⁵ because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, ⁶ having a ⁶live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he ⁷ touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this

¹ Heb. *him*.

² Heb. *he*, and in the following verses.

³ According to the Masoretic text, *behold darkness; distress and light; it is dark &c.*

⁴ Or, *skirts*

⁵ Heb. *his glory is the fulness of the whole earth.*

⁶ Or, *hot stone*

- hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is
 8 taken away, and thy sin ¹purged. And I heard ¹Or, *expiated*
 the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I
 send, and who will go for us? Then said I,
 9 Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and
 tell this people, Hear ye ²indeed, but under-
 stand not; and see ye ²indeed, but perceive not. ²Or, *conti-*
 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make *nually*
 their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they
 see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,
 and understand with their heart, and turn again,
 11 and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long?
 And he answered, Until cities be waste without
 inhabitant, and houses without man, and the
 12 land become utterly waste, and the LORD have
 removed men far away, and the forsaken places
 13 be many in the midst of the land. But yet in it
 shall be a tenth, and ³it shall again be eaten up: ³Or, *it shall*
 as a terebinth, and as an oak, ⁴whose ⁵stock re- *return and*
 maineth, when they ⁶are felled; so the holy seed *shall be &c.*
 is the ⁵stock thereof. ⁴Or, *whose*
 7 ¹ And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the *substance is*
 son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *in them*
 that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son ⁵Or, *substance*
 of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusa- ⁶Or, *cast their*
 lem to war against it; but could not prevail *leaves*
 2 against it. And it was told the house of David,
 saying, Syria ⁷is confederate with Ephraim. ⁷Heb. *resteth*
 And his heart was moved, and the heart of his *on Ephraim.*
 people, as the trees of the forest are moved with
 the wind.
 3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth
 now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ⁸Shear-jashub ⁸That is, *A*
 thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper *remnant shall*
 4 pool in the highway of the fuller's field; and *return.*
 say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear
 not, neither let thine heart be faint, because of
 these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the

fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. Because Syria hath counselled 5 evil against thee, Ephraim *also*, and the son of Remaliah, saying, Let us go up against Judah, 6 and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeel:

Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, 7 neither shall it come to pass. For the head of 8 Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin: and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken in pieces, that it be not a people: and the head of Ephraim is Sa- 9 maria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

And the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 10 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ¹ask, it 11 either in the depth, or in the height above. But 12 Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house 13 of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, that ye will weary my God also? Therefore 14 the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, ²a virgin ³shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name ⁴Immanuel. Butter and 15 honey shall he eat, ⁵when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the 16 child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken. The LORD shall bring 17 upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that 18 the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *make it deep unto Sheol.*

² Or, *the*

³ Or, *is with child and beareth*

⁴ That is, *God is with us.*

⁵ Or, *that he may know*

the child shall

19 the bee that is in the land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all ¹pastures. ¹ Or, bushes

20 In that day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, which is in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

Keep alive the
the because of
21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two
22 sheep; and it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the midst of the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall

24 even be for briers and thorns. With arrows and with bow shall one come thither; because

25 all the land shall be briers and thorns. And all the hills that were digged with the mattock,

²where never came the fear of briers and thorns, shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep. ² Or, thou shalt not come thither for fear of briers and thorns, but it shall be &c.

3 ¹ And the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it with the pen of a

² man, For ³Maher-shalal-hash-baz; and I will take unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberech-

3 iah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD unto me, Call his name Maher-shalal-

4 hash-baz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and ~~my~~ mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be carried away before the king of Assyria.

Or, there shall not come thither the fear &c. but it shall be &c.

³ That is, The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth.

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And the LORD spake unto me yet again, ⁵saying, Forasmuch as this people hath refused ⁶the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice ¹in Rezin and Remaliah's son; now therefore, ⁷behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: and he shall sweep onward into ⁸Judah; he shall overflow and pass through; he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, ²O Immanuel.

² See vii. 14.

³ Or, *Make an uproar*
Or, *Break*

³Associate yourselves, O ye peoples, and ye ⁹shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for ⁴God is with us.

⁴ Heb. *Immanuel*.

⁵ Heb. *with strength of hand*. See Ezek. iii. 14.

For the LORD spake thus to me ⁵with a ¹¹strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ¹²ye not, A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread. The LORD ¹³of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he ¹⁴shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And ⁶many shall ¹⁵stumble thereon, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

⁶ Or, *many among them shall stumble, and fall, &c.*

⁷ Or, *teaching*

Bind thou up the testimony, seal the ⁷law ¹⁶among my disciples. And I will wait for the ¹⁷LORD, that hideth his face from the house of

- 18 Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.
- 19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto the wizards, that chirp and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the
- 20 living *should they seek* unto the dead? To the ¹law and to the testimony: ²if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no
- 21 morning for them. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and ³curse by their king and by their God, and turn their faces
- 22 upward: and they shall look unto the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, gloom of anguish; and ⁴into thick darkness *they shall be*
- 9 1 driven away. ⁵But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the
- 2 nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath
- 3 the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, ⁶thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as
- 4 men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast
- 5 broken as in the day of Midian. For ⁷all the armour of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be even for
- 6 burning, for fuel of fire. For unto us a child is

¹ Or, *teaching*² Or, *verily according to this word shall they speak, for whom there is no morning*³ Or, *curse their king and their God*⁴ Or, *in [viii. 23 in Heb.]*⁵ Or, *For*

[ix. 1 in Heb.]

⁶ Another reading is, *thou didst not increase the joy.*⁷ Or, *every boot of the booted warrior*

born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the ⁷ increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgement and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this.

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it ⁸ hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people ⁹ shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen, but we will build ¹⁰ with hewn stone: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. There- ¹¹ fore the LORD shall set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and shall ¹² stir up his enemies; the Syrians ² before, and the Philis- ¹² tines ³ behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Yet the people hath not turned unto him ¹³ that smote them, neither have they sought the LORD of hosts. Therefore the LORD will cut off ¹⁴ from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. The ancient and the honourable ¹⁵ man, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For they that lead ¹⁶ this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are ⁴ destroyed. Therefore the ¹⁷ Lord shall not rejoice over their young men, neither shall he have compassion on their fatherless and widows: for every one is profane and an evil doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

¹ Or, join together
Or, arm

² Or, on the East

³ Or, on the West

⁴ Heb. swallowed up.

- 18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth the briers and thorns: yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they roll
 19 upward in thick clouds of smoke. Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land burnt up: the people also are as the fuel of fire; no man
 20 spareth his brother. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of
 21 his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.
- 10 ¹ Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers that write perverse-
 2 ness. To turn aside the needy from judgement, and to take away the right of the poor of my people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!
 3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where
 4 will ye leave your glory? ¹ They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.
- 5 ² O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger; the staff
 6 in whose hand is mine indignation. I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and ³ to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
- 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. For he saith,
 8 Are not my princes all of them kings? Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad?

¹ Or, *Without me they shall bow down &c.*

² Or, *Woe to Asshur*

³ Heb. *to make them a treading down.*

is not Samaria as Damascus? As my hand ¹⁰ hath found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; shall I not, as I have done unto ¹¹ Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when ¹² the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will 'punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For ¹³ he hath said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and I have brought down as a mighty man ¹⁴ ²them that sit *on thrones*: and my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples; and as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken, have I gathered all the earth: and there was none that moved the wing, or that opened the mouth, or chirped. Shall the axe boast itself against him ¹⁵ that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if a rod should shake them that lift it up, *or as if a staff should lift up him that is not wood.*

Therefore shall the Lord, the LORD of ¹⁶ hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and ¹⁷ ³under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the burning of fire. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. And he ¹⁸ shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be ¹⁹ ⁴as when a standardbearer fainteth. And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

¹ Heb. *visit upon.*

² Or, *the inhabitants*

³ Or, *instead of*

⁴ Or, *as when a sick man pineth away*

have understood.

would do it.

- 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and they that are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in
- 21 truth. ¹A remnant shall return, even the rem- ¹ Heb. *Shear-jashub*.
nant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For ² See vii. 3.
though ²thy people Israel be as the sand of ² Or, *thy people, O Israel*
the sea, *only* a remnant³ of them shall return: ³ Heb. *in it*.
a consumption *is* determined, overflowing with
- 23 righteousness. For a consummation, and that determined, shall the Lord, the LORD of hosts, make in the midst of all the ⁴earth. ⁴ Or, *land*
- 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of ⁵the Assyrian: though he ⁵ Heb. *Asshur*.
smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff
- 25 against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall be accomplished, and ⁶mine anger, in their ⁶ Or, *mine anger shall be to their &c.*
destruction. And the LORD of hosts shall stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and ⁷his rod shall be over the sea, and he shall lift it up after the manner of Egypt. ⁷ Or, *as his rod was over the sea, so shall he &c.*
- 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed ⁸because ⁸ Or, *by reason of fatness*.
of ⁹the anointing. He is come to Aiath, he ⁹ Heb. *oil*.
is passed through Migron; at Michmash he
- 29 layeth up his baggage: they are gone over the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geba: Ramah trembleth; Gibeah of Saul is
- 30 fled. Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: hearken, O Laishah; O thou poor
- 31 Anathoth! Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

¹ Another reading is house.

This very day shall he halt at Nob: he shaketh ³² his hand at the mount of the ¹daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall ³³ lop the boughs with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low. And he shall cut down ³⁴ the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

And there shall come forth a shoot out of ¹ **11** the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit: and the Spirit of the ² LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and ³his ³delight shall be in the ³ **3** fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither ⁴reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness ⁴ shall he judge the poor, and ⁴reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle ⁵ of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, ⁶ and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their ⁷ young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the ⁸ sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the ⁴basilisk's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy ⁹ in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

² Or, he shall be of quick understanding

³ Heb. scent.

⁴ Or, adder's

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, which standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be ¹glorious.

¹ Heb. *glory*.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord ²shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Ha-

² Or, *shall again the second time recover with his hand*

12 math, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four

13 corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah,

14 and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they spoil the children of the east: ³they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the

15 children of Ammon shall obey them. And the LORD shall ⁴utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his ⁵scorching wind shall he shake his hand over the River, and shall smite it into seven streams, and cause

³ Heb. *Edom and Moab shall be the putting forth of their hand; and the children of Ammon their obedience.*

16 men to march over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

⁴ Or, *devote*

⁵ Or, *mighty*

12 ¹ And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD; for though thou wast angry with me, ⁶thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for ⁷the LORD JEHOVAH is my

⁶ Or, *let thine anger turn away and comfort thou me*

⁷ Heb. *JAH JEHOVAH*

strength and song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw ³ water out of the wells of salvation. And in ⁴ that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the LORD, ¹call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he ⁵ hath done excellent things: ²let this be known in all the earth. Cry aloud and shout, thou ⁶ inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

¹ Or, proclaim his name

² Or, this is made known

³ Heb. inhabitress.

⁴ Or, oracle concerning

⁵ Or, them that exult in my majesty

⁶ Heb. Shaddai. Gen. xvii. 1.

The ⁴burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the ¹ **13** son of Amoz did see. Set ye up an ensign ² upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. I have commanded my ³ consecrated ones, yea, I have called my mighty men for mine anger, even ⁵my proudly exulting ones. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, ⁵ from the uttermost part of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; for the ⁶ day of the LORD is at hand; as destruction from ⁶the Almighty shall it come. Therefore ⁷ shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt: and they shall be troubled: ⁸ pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in travail: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be* faces of flame. Behold, the day ⁹ of the LORD cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations ¹⁰

amazed

- thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more rare than fine gold; even a man than the pure gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. And it shall come to pass, that as the chased roe, and as sheep that no man gathereth, they shall turn every man to his own people, and shall flee every man to his own land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is taken shall fall by the sword. Their infants also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. And *their* bows shall dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall shepherds make their flocks to lie down there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of screech owls; and ostriches shall dwell there, and ¹satyrs shall dance there. And ²wolves shall ³cry in their

¹ Or, wild goats

² Heb. howling creatures.

³ Or, answer

castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces :
 and her time is near to come, and her days
 shall not be prolonged. For the LORD will 14
 have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose
 Israel, and set them in their own land : and the
 stranger shall join himself with them, and they
 shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the 2
 peoples shall take them, and bring them to
 their place : and the house of Israel shall pos-
 sess them in the land of the LORD for servants
 and for handmaids : and they shall take them
 captive, whose captives they were ; and they
 shall rule over their oppressors.

And it shall come to pass in the day that the 3
 LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and
 from thy trouble, and from the hard service
 wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou 4
 shalt take up this parable against the king of
 Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor
 ceased ! the exactress of gold ceased ! The 5
 LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, the
 sceptre of the rulers ; ¹that smote the peoples in 6
 wrath with a continual stroke, ²that ruled the
 nations in anger, ³with a persecution that none
 restrained. The whole earth is at rest, *and* is 7
 quiet : they break forth into singing. Yea, the 8
 fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of
 Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no
 hewer is come up against us. ⁴Hell from be- 9
 neath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy
 coming : it stirreth up the ⁵dead for thee, even
 all the ⁶chief ones of the earth ; it hath raised
 up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
 All they shall answer and say unto thee, Thou 10
 also art become weak as we ! thou art become
 like unto us ! Thy pomp is brought down to 11
⁴hell, *and* the noise of thy viols : the worm is
 spread under thee, and worms cover thee. How 12

¹ Or, *he who*

² Or, *he that*

³ Or, *is perse-
cuted, and none
hindereth*

⁴ Heb. *Sheol*.

⁵ Or, *shades*
 Heb. *Re-
phaim*.

⁶ Heb. *he-
goats*.

art thou fallen from heaven, O day star, son of
 the morning! how art thou cut down to the
 13 ground, which didst lay low the nations! And
 thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into
 heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars
 of God; and I will sit upon the mount of con-
 gregation, in the uttermost parts of the north:
 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
 15 I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt
 be brought down to ¹hell, to the uttermost parts
 16 of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly
 look upon thee, they shall consider thee, *saying*,
 Is this the man that made the earth to tremble,
 17 that did shake kingdoms: that made the world
 as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof;
 that let not loose his prisoners to their home?
 18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep
 19 in glory, every one in his own house. But thou
 art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an
 abominable branch, ²clothed with the slain, that
 art thrust through with the sword, that go down
 to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden
 20 under foot. Thou shalt not be joined with
 them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy
 land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of
 21 evildoers shall not be named for ever. Pre-
 pare ye slaughter for his children for the
 iniquity of their fathers; that they rise not up,
 and possess the earth, and fill the face of the
 22 world with cities. And I will rise up against
 them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from
 Babylon name and remnant, and son, and son's
 23 son, saith the LORD. I will also make it a
 possession for the porcupine, and pools of water:
 and I will sweep it with the besom of destruc-
 tion, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹ Heb. *Sheol*.

² Or, as the
raiment of
those that are
slain

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely
 as I have thought, so is it come to pass; and

shall *an*

as I have purposed, so shall it stand : that I ²⁵
 will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon
 my mountains tread him under foot : then shall
 his yoke depart from off them, and his burden
 depart from off their shoulder. This is the ²⁶
 purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth :
 and this is the hand that is stretched out upon
 all the nations. For the LORD of hosts hath ²⁷
 purposed, and who shall disannul it ? and his hand
 is stretched out, and who shall turn it back ?

In the year that king Ahaz died was this ²⁸
¹burden. Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of thee, ²⁹
 because the rod that smote thee is broken : for
 out of the serpent's root shall come forth a
²basilisk, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying
 serpent. And the firstborn of the poor shall ³⁰
 feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety :
 and I will kill thy root with famine, and thy
 remnant shall be slain. Howl, O gate ; cry, O ³¹
 city ; thou art melted away, O Philistia, all of
 thee ; for there cometh a smoke out of the north,
 and none ³standeth aloof at his appointed times.
 What shall one then answer the messengers ³²
 of the nation ? That the LORD hath founded
 Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of his people
 take refuge.

The ⁴burden of Moab. For in the night Ar ¹⁵
 of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to nought ;
 for in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, *and*
 brought to nought : He is gone up to the ²
⁵house, ⁶even to Dibon, to the high places, to
 weep : Moab howleth ⁷over Nebo, and over
 Medeba : on all their heads is baldness, every
 beard is cut off. In their streets they gird ³
 themselves with sackcloth : on their housetops,
 and in their broad places, every one howleth,
 weeping abundantly. And Heshbon crieth out, ⁴
 and Elealeh ; their voice is heard even unto

¹ Or, oracle

² Or, adder

³ Or, standeth
alone in his
ranks

⁴ Or, oracle
concerning

⁵ Or, temple

⁶ Or, and
Dibon, to &c.

⁷ Or, upon

- Jahaz : therefore the armed men of Moab cry
 5 aloud ; ¹his life is grievous unto him. My heart
 crieth out for Moab ; her ²nobles *flee* unto Zoar,
³an heifer of three years old : for by the ascent
 of Luhith with weeping they go up ; for in the
 way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of destruc-
 6 tion. For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate :
 for the grass is withered away, the tender grass
 7 faileth, there is no green thing. Therefore the
 abundance they have gotten, and that which
 they have laid up, shall they carry away ⁴to the
 8 brook of the willows. For the cry is gone round
 about the borders of Moab ; the howling thereof
 unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-
 9 elim. For the waters of Dimon are full of blood :
 for I will bring yet more upon Dimon, a lion
 upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the
 remnant of the land.
- 16 1 ⁵Send ye the lambs for the ruler of the land
 from ⁶Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of
 2 the daughter of Zion. For it shall be, that, as
 wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so shall the
 daughters of Moab be at the fords of Arnon.
 3 Give counsel, execute judgement ; make thy
 shadow as the night in the midst of the noon-
 day : hide the outcasts ; bewray not the wan-
 4 derer. ⁷Let mine outcasts dwell with thee ; as
 for Moab, be thou a covert to him from the face
 of the spoiler : for ⁸the extortioner is brought to
 nought, spoiling ceaseth, ⁹the oppressors are
 5 consumed out of the land. And a throne shall
 be established in mercy, and one shall sit thereon
 in truth, in the tent of David, judging, and seek-
 ing judgement, and swift to do righteousness.
 6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, *that* he is
 very proud ; even of his arrogancy, and his
 pride, and his wrath ; his boastings are nought.
 7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one

¹ Or, *his soul trembleth within him*

² Or, as otherwise read, *fugitives*

³ Or, *to Eglath shelishiah*

⁴ Or, *over*

⁵ See 2 Kings iii. 4.

⁶ Or, *Petra*
 Heb. *a rock*.

⁷ According to many ancient versions, *Let the outcasts of Moab dwell with thee ; be thou &c.*

⁸ Or, *extortion*

⁹ Heb. *the treaders down*.

shall howl: for the raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn, utterly stricken. For the fields 8 of Heshbon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah; ¹the lords of the nations have broken down the choice plants thereof; they reached even unto Jazer, they wandered into the wilderness; her branches were spread abroad, they passed over the sea. Therefore I will weep with the weeping 9 of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest the shout is fallen. And gladness is taken 10 away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the *vintage* shout to cease. Wherefore my bowels sound like an 11 harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-heres. And it shall come to pass, when Moab 12 presenteth himself, when he wearieth himself upon the high place, and shall come to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail.

This is the word that the LORD spake concerning Moab in time past. But now the 14 LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

The ²burden of Damascus. Behold, Da- 17 mascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer ²are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and ³the kingdom ³from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹ Or, *her choice plants did break down the lords of nations*

² Or, *oracle concerning*

³ Or, *from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria shall &c.*

- 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that
 the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the
 5 fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. And it
 shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the
 standing corn, and his arm reapeth the ears;
 yea it shall be as when one gleaneth ears in the
 6 valley of Rephaim. Yet ¹gleanings shall be left
 therein, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or
 three berries in the top of the uppermost bough,
 four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful
 7 tree, saith the LORD, the God of Israel. In that
 day shall a man look unto his Maker, and his
 eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of
 8 Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the
 work of his hands, neither shall he have respect
 to that which his fingers have made, either the
 9 ²Asherim, or the sun-images. In that day shall
 his strong cities be as the forsaken places in the
 wood, and on the mountain top, which were
 forsaken from before the children of Israel: and
 10 it shall be a desolation. For thou hast forgotten
 the God of thy salvation, and hast not been
 mindful of the rock of thy ³strength, therefore
 thou plantest pleasant plants, and settest it with
 11 strange slips: in the day of thy planting thou
 hedgest it in, and in the morning thou makest
 thy seed to blossom: but the harvest ⁴fleeth
 away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
 12 Ah, the ⁵uproar of many peoples, which roar
 like the roaring of the seas; and the rush-
 ing of nations, that rush like the rushing of
 13 mighty waters! The nations shall rush like
 the rushing of many waters: but he shall
 rebuke ⁶them, and ⁷they shall flee far off, and
 shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains
 before the wind, and like the whirling dust
 14 before the storm. At eventide behold terror;
 and before the morning ⁸they are not. This is

¹ Or, *grape gleanings*.² See Ex. xxxiv. 13.³ Or, *strong hold*.⁴ Or, *shall be a heap*.⁵ Or, *multitude*.⁶ Heb. *him*.⁷ Heb. *he*.⁸ Heb. *he is*.

the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

¹ Or, *shadowing with wings* Ah, the land ¹of the rustling of wings, which ¹ 18

² Heb. *Cush*.

³ Or, *and*

⁴ Or, *dragged away and peeled*

⁵ Or, *meted out and trodden down*
Heb. *of line, line, and of treading down*.

⁶ Or, *have spoiled*

⁷ Or, *when there is*

is beyond the rivers of ²Ethiopia: that sendeth ² ambassadors by the sea, ³even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation ⁴tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation ⁵that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers ⁶divide! All ye inhabitants of ³ the world, and ye dwellers on the earth, when an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when the trumpet is blown, hear ye. For ⁴ thus hath the LORD said unto me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling place; like clear heat in sunshine, ⁷like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For afore the harvest, ⁵ when the blossom is over, and the flower, becometh a ripening grape, he shall cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and the spreading branches shall he take away *and* cut down. They shall be left together unto the ravenous ⁶ birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall a present ⁷ be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people ⁸tall and smooth, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

⁸ See ver. 2.

⁹ Or, *oracle concerning*

The ⁹burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD ¹ 19
rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh unto Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will ¹⁰stir up the ² Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they

¹⁰ Or, *join together*
Or, *arm*

- shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against
 3 city, kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall be made void in the midst of it; and I will ¹destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek unto the idols, and to the ²charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to
 4 the wizards. And I will ³give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the
 5 LORD of hosts. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and be-
 6 come dry. And the rivers shall stink; the ⁴streams of ⁵Egypt shall be minished and dried
 7 up: the reeds and flags shall wither away. The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all that is sown by the Nile, shall become
 8 dry, be driven away, and be no more. The fishers also shall lament, and all they that cast angle into the Nile shall mourn, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.
 9 Moreover they that work in combed flax, and they that weave ⁶white cloth, shall be ashamed.
 10 And her ⁷pillars shall be broken in pieces, all they ⁸that work for hire *shall be* grieved in soul.
 11 The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?
 12 Where then are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now; and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed concerning Egypt.
 13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; and they have caused Egypt to go astray, that are the corner-
 14 stone of her tribes. The LORD hath mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her: and they have caused Egypt to go astray in every

¹ Heb. swallow up.² Or, whisperers³ Or, shut up⁴ Or, canals⁵ Or, defence
See Is. xxxvii. 25.
Heb. Mazor.⁶ Or, cotton⁷ Or, foundations⁸ Or, that make dams

¹ Or, *goeth
astray*

work thereof, as a drunken man ¹ staggereth in his vomit. Neither shall there be for Egypt any ¹⁵ work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do.

In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: ¹⁶ and it shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it. And the land of Judah ¹⁷ shall become a terror unto Egypt, every one to whom mention is made thereof shall be afraid, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts, which he purposeth against it.

In that day there shall be five cities in the ¹⁸ land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of ² destruction.

² Or, *Heres*
Or, according
to another
reading, *the
sun*

In that day shall there be an altar to the ¹⁹ LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And ²⁰ it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and ³ a defender, and he shall deliver them. And the ²¹ LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and offering, and shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and shall perform it. And the LORD shall smite Egypt, ²² smiting and healing; and they shall return unto the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

³ Or, *a mighty
one*

In that day shall there be a highway out of ²³ Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the third with ²⁴

Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst
 25 of the earth: for that the LORD of hosts hath
 blessed them, saying, Blessed be Egypt my
 people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and
 Israel mine inheritance.

- 20 ¹ In the year that ¹Tartan came unto Ashdod, ¹ The title of
 when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and the Assyrian
 2 he fought against Ashdod and took it; at that commander
 time the LORD spake by Isaiah the son of Amoz, in chief.
 saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy
 loins, and put thy shoe from off thy foot. And
 3 he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And
 the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath
 walked naked and barefoot ²three years for a ² Or, to be for
 sign and a wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethi- three years a
 4 opia; so shall the king of Assyria lead away the sign &c.
 captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Ethiopia,
 young and old, naked and barefoot, and with
 buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
 5 And they shall be dismayed and ashamed,
 because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of
 6 Egypt their glory. And the inhabitant of this
 coastland shall say in that day, Behold, such is
 our expectation, whither we fled for help to be
 delivered from the king of Assyria: and we,
 how shall we escape?

- 21 ¹ The ³burden of the wilderness of the sea. ³ Or, oracle
 As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it concerning
 cometh from the wilderness, from a terrible land.
 2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the
 treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and
 the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege,
 O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made
 3 to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with
 anguish: pangs have taken hold upon me, as
 the pangs of a woman in travail: I am pained
 so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I
 4 cannot see. My heart ⁴panteth, horror hath ⁴ Heb. wan-
 dereth."

affrighted me: the twilight that I desired hath been turned into trembling unto me. They 5 prepare the table, they ¹set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a 6 watchman, let him declare what he seeth: ²and 7 when he seeth ³chariots, ⁴horsemen in pairs, ³chariots of asses, ³chariots of camels, he shall hearken diligently with much heed. And he 8 cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and am set in my ward ⁵whole nights: and, behold, here come 9 ⁶chariots of men, ⁴horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods are broken 10 unto the ground. O my threshing, and the ⁷corn ¹⁰of my floor: that which I have heard from the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

The ⁸burden of Dumah. One calleth unto 11 me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman 12 said, The morning ⁹cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: ¹⁰turn ye, come. The ¹¹burden upon Arabia. In the forest ¹²in 13 Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanites. Unto him that was thirsty 14 ¹³they brought water, the inhabitants of the land of Tema did meet the fugitives with their bread. For they fled away from the swords, from the 15 drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the 16 Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: and the residue of the number 17 of the ¹⁴archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be few: for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath spoken it.

¹ Or, *spread the carpets*

² Or, *and he saw...and he hearkened*

³ Or, *a chariot*
Or, *riders*

⁴ Or, *a pair of horsemen*

⁵ Or, *every night*

⁶ Or, *a chariot of men*

Or, *men riding*

⁷ Heb. *son*.

⁸ Or, *oracle concerning*

⁹ Or, *is come*

¹⁰ Or, *come ye again*

¹¹ Or, *oracle*

¹² Or, *according to the ancient versions, at evening*

¹³ Or, *bring ye*

¹⁴ Heb. *bows*.

- 22** ¹ The ¹burden of the valley of vision. What ¹ Or, oracle concerning
² aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to
³ the housetops? O thou that art full of shout-
ings, thou tumultuous city, thou joyous town;
thy slain are not slain with the sword, neither
⁴ are they dead in battle. All thy rulers fled
away together, they were bound ² by the archers: ² Or, without the bow
all that were found in thee were bound together,
⁵ ³ they fled afar off. Therefore said I, Look away ³ Or, which had fled from far
from me, I will weep bitterly; ⁴ labour not to com- ⁴ Or, hasten
fort me, for the spoiling of the daughter of my
⁶ people. For it is a day of discomfiture, and of
treading down, and of perplexity from the Lord,
the LORD of hosts, in the valley of vision, a
breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the
⁷ ⁵ mountains. And Elam bare the quiver, with ⁵ Or, mountain
⁸ chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir un-
⁹ covered the shield. And it came to pass, that
thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and
the horsemen set themselves in array at the
¹⁰ gate. And he took away the covering of Judah;
and thou didst look in that day to the armour
¹¹ in the house of the forest. And ye saw the
breaches of the city of David, that they were
many: and ye gathered together the waters of
¹² the lower pool. And ye numbered the houses
of Jerusalem, and ye brake down the houses to
¹³ fortify the wall. Ye made also a reservoir be-
tween the two walls for the water of the old
pool: but ye looked not unto him that had done
it, neither had ye respect unto him that fashion-
¹⁴ ed it long ago. And in that day did the Lord,
the LORD of hosts, call to weeping, and to
mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with
sackcloth: and behold, joy and gladness, slaying
oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drink-
ing wine: let us eat and drink; for to-morrow
we shall die. And the LORD of hosts revealed

himself in mine ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

Thus saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, Go, ¹⁵

¹ Or, *steward*

get thee unto this ¹treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, *and say*, What doest thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre? hewing him out a sepulchre on high, gravating an habitation for himself in the rock! Behold, the LORD ¹⁷

² Or, *as a man*

Or, *O man*

³ Or, *wind thee round and round like a ball and toss thee*

will hurl thee away ²violently, and he will wrap thee up. He will surely ³turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, thou shame of thy lord's house. And I will thrust thee from thine office, and from thy station shall he pull thee down. And it shall ²⁰

come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiab: and I will ²¹

clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David ²² will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a ²³

nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house. And they shall ²⁴ hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the vessels of cups even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith the ²⁵

LORD of hosts, shall the nail that was fastened in a sure place ⁴give way; and it shall be ⁵broken, and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the LORD hath spoken it.

⁴ Or, *be removed*

⁵ Or, *cut down*

- 23 ¹ The ¹burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of ² Chittim it is revealed to them. Be still, ye inhabitants of the ²isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have ³ replenished. And by great waters the seed of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; ⁴ and she was the mart of nations. Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins. ⁵ When the report cometh to Egypt, they shall ⁶ be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the ⁷isle. Is this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity is ⁴ of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar ⁸ off to sojourn? Who hath purposed this against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth? The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to ⁵ stain the pride of all glory, to bring into ¹⁰ contempt all the honourable of the earth. Pass through thy land as the Nile, O daughter of ¹¹ Tarshish; there is no girdle *about thee* any more. He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he hath shaken the kingdoms: the LORD hath given commandment concerning ⁶ Canaan, to destroy the strong holds thereof. ¹² And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; even there shalt thou ¹³ have no rest. Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not; the Assyrian ~~founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up~~ ⁷ the towers thereof, they ⁸ raised up the palaces thereof; he made it a

¹ Or, oracle concerning

² Or, coast

³ Or, As at the report concerning Egypt, so &c.

⁴ Or, of ancient days? her own feet shall carry &c. *d.*

⁵ Heb. profane.

⁶ Or, the merchant people

⁷ Or, their towers

⁸ Or, overthrew

ruin. Howl, ye ships of Tārshish: for your ¹⁴
 strong hold is laid waste. And it shall come to ¹⁵
 pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten
 seventy years, according to the days of a king:
 after the end of seventy years ¹shall Tyre sing
 as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, ¹⁶
 thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make
 sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou may-
 est be remembered. And it shall come to pass ¹⁷
 after the end of seventy years, that the LORD
 will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire,
 and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms
 of the world upon the face of the earth. And ¹⁸
 her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness
 to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid
 up; for her merchandise shall be for them that
 dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and
 for ²durable clothing.

¹ Or, *it shall
 be unto Tyre
 according to
 the song of
 the harlot*

² Or, *stately*

³ Or, *land*:
 and so in
 ver. 3 &c.

Behold, the LORD maketh the ³earth empty, ¹ **24**
 and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside
 down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants
 thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, ²
 so with the priest; as with the servant, so with
 his master; as with the maid, so with her mis-
 tress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as
 with the lender, so with the borrower; as with
 the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury
 to him. The earth shall be utterly emptied, ³
 and utterly spoiled; for the LORD hath spoken
 this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth ⁴
 away, the world languisheth and fadeth away,
⁴the lofty people of the earth do languish.
 The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants ⁵
 thereof; because they have transgressed the
 laws, changed the ordinance, broken the ever-
 lasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse ⁶
 devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein
 are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of

⁴ Or, *the high
 ones of the
 people*

- 7 the earth are burned, and few men left. The
 new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all
 8 the merryhearted do sigh. The mirth of tabrets
 ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth,
 9 the joy of the harp ceaseth. They shall not
 drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be
 10 bitter to them that drink it. The city of 'con-
 fusion is broken down: every house is shut up,
 11 that no man may come in. There is a crying
 in the streets because of the wine; all joy is
 12 darkened, the mirth of the land is ²gone. In
 the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten
 13 with destruction. For thus shall it be in the
 midst of the earth among the peoples, as the
 shaking of an olive tree, as the grape gleanings
 14 when the vintage is done. These shall lift up
 their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of
 15 the LORD they cry aloud from the sea. Where-
 fore glorify ye the LORD in the ³east, even the
 name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the
⁴isles of the sea.
 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have
 we heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I
 said, ⁵I pine away, I pine away, woe is me! the
 treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously;
 yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very
 17 treacherously. Fear, and the pit, and the snare,
 18 are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And
 it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from
 the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and
 he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit
 shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on
 high are opened, and the foundations of the
 19 earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken,
 the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved
 20 exceedingly. The earth shall stagger like a
 drunken man, and shall be moved to and fro
 like a hut; and the transgression thereof shall

¹ Or, waste-
ness See.
Gen. i. 2.

² Heb. gone
into captivity.

³ Or, lights
Or, fires
Or, valleys

⁴ Or, coast-
lands

⁵ Heb. Lean-
ness to me.

be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ¹the LORD shall ¹punish the host of the ²high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, ²as prisoners are gathered in the ³pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be ⁴visited. Then the moon shall be ⁵confounded, and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and ⁵before his ancients gloriously.

¹ Heb. *visit upon.*

² Heb. *height.*

³ Or, *dungeon*

⁴ Or, *punished*

⁵ Or, *before his ancients shall be glory*

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt ¹ thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth. For thou hast made of a ² city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people ³ glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been a strong hold to ⁴ the poor, a strong hold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. As the heat in a ⁵ dry place shalt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shadow of a cloud; the song of the terrible ones shall be brought low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of ⁶ hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And ⁷ he will ⁶destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that is cast over all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He ⁸ hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people shall he take

⁶ Heb. *swallow up.*

away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

- 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down ¹in the
- 11 water of the dunghill. And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst ²thereof, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall lay low ³his pride ⁴together with
- 12 the craft of ³his hands. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls hath he brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

¹ Another reading is in the dunghill.

² Or, of them

³ Or, their

⁴ Or, for all the craft

26 ¹ In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will he appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth truth may enter in. ⁵Thou wilt keep *him* ⁶in perfect peace, *whose* ⁷mind is stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in ⁸the LORD JEHOVAH is ⁹an everlasting rock. For he hath brought down them that dwell on high, the lofty city: he layeth it low, he layeth it low even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the

6 dust. The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just is ¹⁰uprightness: thou, most upright, dost ¹¹direct the path of the just. Yea, in the way of thy judgements, O LORD, have we waited for thee; to thy name and to thy me-

9 morial is the desire of our soul. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee ¹²early: for

⁵ Or, A steadfast mind thou keepst in perfect peace, because &c.

⁶ Heb. peace, peace.

⁷ Or, imagination

⁸ Heb. Jah, ch. xiii. 2.

⁹ Or, a rock of ages

¹⁰ Or, a right way; the path of the just thou directest aright

¹¹ Or, weigh

¹² Or, diligently

faith *all*

even names

earnestly

when thy judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. Let ¹⁰ favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

LORD, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not: ¹¹ but they shall see ¹thy zeal for the people, and be ashamed; yea, ²fire shall devour thine adversaries. LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: ¹² for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have ¹³ had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ³They are dead, ¹⁴ they shall not live; they are ⁴deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Thou hast increased the nation, O ¹⁵ LORD, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified: ⁵thou hast removed far off all the ends of the land.

LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they ¹⁶ poured out a ⁶prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Like as a woman with child, that ¹⁷ draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been ⁷before thee, O LORD. We have been with ¹⁸ child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; ⁸neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. Thy dead shall ¹⁹ live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of ⁹herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the ⁴dead.

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be

¹ Or, and be ashamed, in their envy at the people

² Or, the fire of thine adversaries shall devour them

³ Or, The dead live not, the deceased rise not

⁴ Or, shades Heb. Re-phaim.

⁵ Or, thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth

⁶ Heb. whisper.

⁷ Or, at thy presence

⁸ Or, neither have inhabitants of the world been born

⁹ Or, light

21 overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27 ¹ In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the ¹ swift serpent, and leviathan the crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

¹ Or, *gliding*

2 In that day: ² A vineyard of wine, sing ye ² Or, according to some ancient authorities, *A pleasant vineyard*
3 ³ unto it. I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it
4 night and day. Fury is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle!

³ Or, *of*

I would march upon them, I would burn them
5 together. Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me;
6 peace he shall make with me. ⁴ In days to come shall Jacob take root; Israel shall blossom and bud: and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

⁴ Or, *In the generations that come*

7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the
8 slaughter ⁵ of them that were slain by him? In measure, ⁶ when thou sendest her away, thou dost contend with her; he hath removed her with his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

⁵ Or, *of their slain?*

⁶ Or, *with sending her away*

9 Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit ⁷ of taking away his sin, when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, so that the ⁸ Asherim and the sun-images shall

⁷ Or, *the taking away*

10 rise no more. For the defenced city is solitary, an habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches
11 thereof. When the boughs thereof are withered,

⁸ See ch. xvii. 8.

they shall be broken off; the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them will not have compassion upon them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ¹² the LORD shall ¹beat off *his fruit*, from the flood of the River unto the brook of Egypt, and ye shall be ²gathered ³one by one, O ye children of Israel.

¹ Or, *beat out*
his corn

² Or, *gleaned*

³ Or, *one to another*

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ¹³ a great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall come which were ⁴ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and they that were outcasts in the land of Egypt; and they shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

⁴ Or, *lost*

Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards ¹ **28** of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are ⁵overcome with wine! Behold, ² the Lord hath a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, shall he cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown ³ of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot: and the fading flower of ⁴ his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be as the firstripe fig before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a ⁵ crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people: and for a spirit of ⁶ judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn back the battle ⁷ at the gate. But these also ⁷have erred through wine, and through strong drink ⁸are gone astray; the priest and the prophet ⁷have erred through

⁵ Heb. *smitten down*.

⁶ Or, *to*

⁷ Or, *reel*

⁸ Or, *stagger*

*And won the
etc etc*

- strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are gone astray through strong drink; they
 8 ¹err in vision, they stumble in judgement. For ¹ Or, *reel*
 all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that*
 9 *there is* no place *clean*. ²Whom will he teach ² Or, *Whom shall he teach*
 knowledge? and whom will he make to under- *&c. and whom shall he make*
 stand the ³message? them that are weaned *&c....breasts. For &c.*
 from the milk, and drawn from the breasts?
 10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon ³ Or, *report*
 precept; ⁴line upon line, line upon line; here a ⁴ Or, *rule*
 11 little, there a little. ⁵Nay, but by *men of* strange ⁵ Or, *For with stammering lips*
 lips and another tongue will he speak to this
 12 people: to whom he said, This is the rest, give
 ye rest to him that is weary; and this is the
 13 refreshing; yet they would not hear: therefore
 shall the word of the LORD be unto them precept
 upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon
 line, line upon line; here a little, there a little;
 that they may go, and fall backward, and be
 broken, and snared, and taken.
 14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye
 scornful men, that rule this people which is in
 15 Jerusalem: Because ye have said, We have
 made a covenant with death, and with ⁶hell are ⁶ Heb. *Sheol*.
 we at agreement: when the overflowing scourge See Gen.
 shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: xxxvii. 35.
 for we have made lies our refuge, and under
 16 falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus
 saith the Lord God, Behold, I ⁷lay in Zion for ⁷ Or, *have laid*
 a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious
 corner *stone* of sure foundation: he that believeth
 17 shall not make haste. And I will make judge-
 ment the line, and righteousness the plummet:
 and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
 and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
 18 And your covenant with death shall be dis-
 annulled, and your agreement with ⁸hell shall ⁸ Heb. *Sheol*.
 not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall

pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. As often as it passeth through it shall take you : for morning by morning shall it pass through, by day and by night : and it shall be nought but terror to understand the report. For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it : and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon ; that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Now therefore be ye not scorers, lest your bands be made strong : for a consummation, ¹and that determined, have I heard from the Lord, the LORD of hosts, upon the whole ²earth.

¹ Or, and that which is determined
Dan. xi. 36.

² Or, land

Give ye ear, and hear my voice ; hearken, and hear my speech. Doth the plowman plow continually to sow ? doth he continually open and break the clods of his ground ? When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the ³fitches, and scatter the cummin, and put in the wheat in rows and the barley in the appointed place and the ⁴spelt in the border thereof ? ⁵For his God doth instruct him aright, ²⁶and doth teach him. For the fitches are not threshed with a sharp *threshing* instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin ; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. Bread ²⁸corn is ground ; for he will not ever be threshing it : ²⁹and though the wheel of his cart and his horses scatter it, he doth not grind it. This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in ⁷wisdom.

³ Or, fennel

⁴ Or, fitches

⁵ Or, And he correcteth each of them aright ; his God doth teach him

⁶ Or, and though the wheel of his cart scatter it, his horses do not grind it

⁷ Or, effectual working

⁸ Or, Woe to

⁹ That is, the lion of God ; or, the hearth of God.

⁸Ho ⁹Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped ! add ye year to year ; let the feasts

*doth he not
continually
open
harrow
scattered*

- 2 come round; ¹yet will I distress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and lamentation: ²and
 3 she shall be unto me as ³Ariel. And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a fort, and I will raise
 4 siege works against thee. And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy
 5 speech shall ⁴whisper out of the dust. But the multitude of thy ⁵foes shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at
 6 an instant suddenly. ⁶She shall be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.
 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her strong hold, and that distress her, shall be
 8 as a dream, a vision of the night. And it shall be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.
 9 ⁷Tarry ye and wonder; ⁸take your pleasure and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed ⁹your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, hath
 11 he covered. And all vision is become unto you as the words of a ¹⁰book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned,

¹ Or, then² Or, yet³ That is, the lion of God; or, the hearth of God.⁴ Or, chirp⁵ Heb. strangers.⁶ Or. There shall be a visitation from the LORD &c.⁷ Or, Be ye amazed⁸ Or, blind yourselves⁹ Or, your eyes; the prophets, and &c.¹⁰ Or, writing

saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: and the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw nigh *unto me*, and with their mouth and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is the commandment of men which hath been taught them: therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Ye turn things upside down! Shall the potter be counted as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not, or the thing framed say of him that framed it, He hath no understanding? Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted for a forest? And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner ceaseth, and all they that watch for iniquity are cut off: that ²make a man an offender ³in a cause, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just with a thing of nought. Therefore thus

¹ Or, *again do*
Heb. *add to do*.

² Or, *make a man sin by their words*

³ Or, *for a word*

saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. ¹But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; and they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall stand in awe of the God of Israel. They also that err in spirit ²shall come to understanding, and they that murmur shall learn doctrine.

¹ Or, But when his children see &c.

² Heb. shall know understanding.

30 ¹ Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that ²cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to ³strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, that were not an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

³ Or, pour out a drink offering Or, weave a web

⁴ Or, flee to the strong hold

⁶ The ⁵burden of the beasts of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit. For Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I ⁶cried concerning this, ⁷Rahab that sitteth still! ⁸Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come ⁸for ever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will

⁵ Or, oracle concerning

⁶ Or, called her
⁷ Or, They are but arrogancy: be still! See Ps. lxxxvii. 4, lxxxix. 10.

⁸ Or, according to some ancient authorities, for a witness for ever

not hear the law of the LORD: which say to ¹⁰
 the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Pro-
 phesy not unto us right things, speak unto us
 smooth things, prophesy deceits: get you out ¹¹
 of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause
 the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.
 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, ¹²
 Because ye despise this word, and trust in op-
 pression and perverseness, and stay thereon:
 therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a ¹³
 breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall,
 whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
 And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is ¹⁴
 broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing:
 so that there shall not be found among the
 pieces thereof a sherd to take fire from the
 hearth, or to take water withal out of the
 cistern. For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy ¹⁵
 One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye
 be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall
 be your strength: and ye would not. But ye ¹⁶
 said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore
 shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift;
 therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.
 One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; ¹⁷
 at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left
 as ¹a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and
 as an ensign on a hill. And therefore will the ¹⁸
 LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you,
 and therefore will he be exalted, that he may
 have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God
 of judgement; blessed are all they that wait for
 him.

¹ Or, a *post*
10-11

² Or, O people
 of Zion that
 dwellest at
 Jerusalem

³ Or, And the
 Lord will give
 &c....and thy
 teachers shall
 not &c.

For ²the people shall dwell in Zion at ¹⁹
 Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will
 surely be gracious unto thee at the voice of
 thy cry; when he shall hear, he will answer
 thee. ³And though the Lord give you the ²⁰

*And the Lord will give
 &c. &c.*

- bread of adversity and the water of affliction,
yet shall not thy ¹teachers be hidden any more, ¹ Or, teacher
²¹ but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and
thine ears shall hear a word behind thee,
saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when
ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn
²² to the left. And ye shall defile the over-
laying of thy graven images of silver, and the
plating of thy molten images of gold: thou
shalt ²cast them away as an ³unclean thing; ² Heb. scatter.
²³ thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence. And ³ Heb. men-
he shall give the rain of thy seed, that thou struous.
shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of
the increase of the ground, and it shall be
fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle
²⁴ feed in large pastures. The oxen likewise
and the young asses that till the ground shall
eat savoury provender, which hath been win-
nowed with the shovel and with the fan.
²⁵ And there shall be upon every lofty moun-
tain, and upon every high hill, rivers and
streams of waters, in the day of the great
²⁶ slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover
the light of the moon shall be as the light of
the sun, and the light of the sun shall be
sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the
day that the LORD bindeth up the hurt of
his people, and healeth the stroke of their
wound.
²⁷ Behold, the name of the LORD cometh
from far, burning with his anger, and in thick
rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation,
²⁸ and his tongue is as a devouring fire: and
his breath as an overflowing stream, that reach-
eth even unto the neck, to sift the nations
with the sieve of ⁴vanity: and a bridle that ⁴ Or, destruc-
causeth to err shall be in the jaws of the tion
²⁹ peoples. Ye shall have a song as in the

night when the holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel. And the LORD shall ³⁰ cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with ¹a blast, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD ³¹ shall the Assyrian be broken in pieces, ²which smote with a rod. And every ³stroke of the ³² appointed staff, which the LORD shall lay upon him, shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with them. For ⁵Topheth is prepared of old; yea, ³³ for the king it is made ready, both deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

¹ Or, *crashing*

² Or, *with his rod shall he smite him*

³ Heb. *passing*.

⁴ Heb. *staff of foundation*.

⁵ Or, *a Topheth*
Heb. *Topheth*.
See 2 Kings
xxiii. 10;
Jer. vii. 31.

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for ¹ **31** help, and stay on horses; and trust in chariots, because they are many, and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! Yet he also is wise, and will bring ² evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; ³ and their horses flesh, and not spirit: and when the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is holpen shall fall, and they all shall fail together. For thus saith the LORD unto me, Like as ⁴ when the lion growleth and the young lion over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him, he will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for the

noise of them : so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight ¹upon mount Zion, and ¹upon the ¹Or, against
 5 hill thereof. As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem ; he will protect and deliver *it*, he will pass over and preserve *it*.
 6 Turn ye unto him ²from whom ³ye have deeply ²Or, from
 7 revolted, O children of Israel. For in that day ^{whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted}
 they shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own
 8 hands have made unto you for a sin. Then ³Heb. they.
 shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of man ; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him : and he shall flee from the sword, and
 9 his young men shall become tributary. And
⁴his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, ⁴Or, he shall
 and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign, ^{pass by his rock}
 saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 ¹ Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,
 2 and princes shall rule in judgement. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest ; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a
 3 weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be ⁵dim, and the ears of them that ⁵Or, closed
 4 hear shall hearken. The heart also of the ⁶rash ⁶Heb. hasty.
 shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
 5 The ⁷vile person shall be no more called ⁸liberal, ⁷Or, fool ✓
 6 nor the ⁹churl said to be bountiful. For the ^{See 1 Sam. xxv. 25.}
 7 vile person will speak ¹⁰villany, and his heart will ⁸Or, noble
 work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to ⁹Or, crafty
 utter error against the LORD, to make empty ¹⁰Or, folly
 the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink ^{Or, niggard.}
 7 of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also ¹¹Or, poor
 of the churl are evil : he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the ¹¹meek with lying words,
 8 even when the needy speaketh right. But the

¹ Or, *by liberal things shall he stand*

liberal deviseth liberal things; and ¹in liberal things shall he continue.

² Heb. *confident.*

³ Or, *After days &c.*

Heb. *Days above a year.*

Rise up, ye women that are at ease, *and* hear ⁹ my voice; ye ²careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. ³For days beyond a year shall ye ¹⁰

be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. Trem- ¹¹

ble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and ⁴gird *sackcloth* upon your loins. They shall ¹²

⁵lament for the breasts, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. Upon the land of my ¹³

people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

for the palace shall be forsaken; the multitude ¹⁴ of the city shall be *left*; the hill and the watch-

tower shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the spirit be ¹⁵

poured upon us from on high; and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field

be counted for a forest. Then judgement shall ¹⁶ dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall

abide in the fruitful field. And the work of ¹⁷ righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of

righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. And my people shall abide in a peaceable habit- ¹⁸

ation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. But it shall hail, in the downfall of ¹⁹

the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that ²⁰

send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.

Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not ¹ **33**

spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou

hast ceased to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou hast made an end to deal treacher-

ously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited ²

⁴ Or, *put a girdle upon*

⁵ Or, *smite upon*

for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our
 3 salvation also in the time of trouble. At the
 noise of the tumult the peoples are fled; at the
 lifting up of thyself the nations are scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered as the cater-
 piller gathereth: as locusts leap shall they leap
 5 upon it. The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth
 on high: he hath filled Zion with judgement and

6 righteousness. ¹And abundance of salvation,
 wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of
 thy times: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

¹ Or, *And there shall be stability in thy times, abundance &c.*

7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without: the
 8 ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. The high-
 ways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth:

he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised
 9 the cities, he regardeth not man. The earth
 mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed

and withereth away: Sharon is like ²a desert;
 and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their leaves*.

² Or, *the Arabah*

10 Now will I arise, saith the LORD; now will I

11 lift up myself; now will I be exalted. Ye shall
 conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble:
 your breath is a fire that shall devour you.

12 And the peoples shall be as the burnings of
 lime: as thorns cut down that are burned in the
 fire.

13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done;
 and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling hath
 surprised the ³hypocrites. Who among us shall
 dwell with the devouring fire? who among us

³ Or, *profane*

15 shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that
 walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
 he that despiseth the gain of ⁴oppressions, that

⁴ Or, *fraud*

shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that
 stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and
 16 shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil; he
 shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall

be the munitions of rocks: his bread shall be given *him*; his waters shall be sure. Thine ¹⁷ eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold ¹⁸ ¹a wide stretching land. Thine heart shall muse on the terror: where is ²he that counted, where is he that weighed *the tribute*? where is he that counted the towers? Thou ¹⁹ shalt not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that thou canst not perceive; of a ²⁰ ³strange tongue, that thou canst not understand. Look upon Zion, the city of our ⁴solemnities: ²¹ thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed; the stakes whereof shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But ²² there the LORD will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall ²³ ⁵gal-
lant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is our ²⁴ judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. Thy tacklings are ²⁵ loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then shall the prey of a great spoil ²⁶ ⁶be divided; the lame shall take the prey. And the inhabitant ²⁷ shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ¹ **34** ye peoples: let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the LORD hath indignation against ² all the nations, and fury against all their host: he hath ³ ⁷utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall ⁴ be cast out, and the stink of their carcases shall come up, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven ⁵ shall ⁸be dissolved, and the heavens shall be

¹ Heb. a land of far distances.

² Or, the scribe

³ Or, stammering

⁴ Or, set feasts

⁵ Or, devoted

⁶ Or, moulder away

- rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading *leaf* from the fig-tree.
- 5 For my sword hath drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon
6 the people of my curse, to judgement. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a
7 great slaughter in the land of Edom. And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be drunken with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompences **for** the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into
8 brimstone, and the land thereof shall become
9 burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever
10 and ever. But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it; and the ¹owl and the raven ¹Or, *bittern*
shall dwell therein: and he shall stretch over it the line of confusion, and the ²plummet of ²Heb. *stones*
12 emptiness. They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and
13 all her princes shall be nothing. And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and thistles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches. And the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the
14 ³wolves, and the ⁴satyr shall cry to his fellow; yea, the ⁵night monster shall settle there, and
15 shall find her a place of rest. There shall the addersnake make her nest, and lay, and hatch, ⁶Heb. *Lilith*.

*hath a day of
vengeance, a year of
recompence for the
controversy of Zion -*

³ Or, *jackals*
¹ Heb. *howling*
creatures.

⁴ Or, *wild-goat*.

⁵ Heb. *Lilith*.

and gather under her shadow: yea, there shall the vultures be gathered, every one with her mate. Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, ¹⁶ and read: no one of these shall be missing, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his ¹⁷ hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

¹ Or, *parched land*

² Or, *autumn crocus*

The wilderness and the ¹solitary place shall ¹ 35 be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the ²rose. It shall blossom abundantly, ² and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.

³ Or, *tottering*

⁴ Heb. *hasty*.

⁵ Or, *behold, your God! vengeance will come, even the recompence of God*

Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm ³ the ³feeble knees. Say to them that are of a ⁴ fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: ⁵behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *with* the recompence of God; he will come and save you.

⁶ Or, *mirage*

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and ⁵ the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then ⁶ shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the ⁶glowing sand shall be- ⁷

⁷ Or, *a court for reeds &c.* ch. xxxiv. 13.

come a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be ⁷grass with reeds and rushes. And ⁸

⁸ Or, *for he shall be with them*

an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; ⁸but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err *therein*. No lion shall be there, nor shall ravenous ⁹ beasts go up thereon, they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: and ¹⁰

the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

- 36 ¹ Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year ¹ See 2 Kings
of king Hezekiah, that ² Sennacherib king of xviii. 13, 17,
Assyria came up against all the fenced cities &c.
² of Judah, and took them. And the king of ² Heb.
Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jeru- *Sanherib.*
salem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. *There of the*
And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool
³ in the highway of the fuller's field. Then came
forth unto him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah
which was over the household, and Shebna the
³ scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the ⁴ re- ³ Or, secretary
⁴ corder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ⁴ Or, chronicler
ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king,
the king of Assyria, What confidence is this
⁵ wherein thou trustest? I say, *thy* counsel and
strength for the war are but vain words: now
on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled
⁶ against me? Behold, thou trustest upon the
staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt;
whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand,
and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to
⁷ all that trust on him. But if thou say unto me,
We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he,
whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah
hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to
Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?
⁸ Now therefore, I pray thee, ⁵ give pledges to my ⁵ Or, make a
master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee *wager with*
two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part
⁹ to set riders upon them. How then wilt thou
turn away the face of one captain of the least
of my master's servants? and thou putttest thy

trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen. And am I now come up without the LORD ¹⁰ against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto ¹¹ Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to ¹² thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he not sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? Then Rabshakeh stood, ¹³ and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, ¹⁴ Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. Neither let Hezekiah ¹⁵ make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the ¹⁶ king of Assyria, ¹Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; until ¹⁷ I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. Beware lest Hezekiah ¹⁸ persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? ¹⁹ where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who ²⁰ are they among all the gods of these countries, that have delivered their country out of my

¹ Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*

- hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem
 21 out of my hand? But they held their peace,
 and answered him not a word: for the king's
 commandment was, saying, Answer him not.
 22 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah that
 was over the household, and Shebna the scribe,
 and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to
 Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him
 the words of Rabshakeh.
- 37 1 ¹And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah ¹ See 2 Kings
 heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered ^{xix. 1, &c.}
 himself with sackcloth, and went into the house
 2 of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, who was
 over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and
 the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth,
 3 unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And
 they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This
 day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and
 of ²contumely: for the children are come to ² Or, casting
 the birth, and there is not strength to bring ^{off}
 4 forth. It may be the LORD thy God will
 hear the words of Rabshakeh, ³whom the king ³ Or, where-
 of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach ^{with the king}
 the living God, and will rebuke the words which ^{of Assyria}
 the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift ^{hath sent him}
 5 up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. So
 the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say
 to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not
 afraid of the words that thou hast heard, where-
 with the servants of the king of Assyria have
 7 blasphemed me. Behold, I will put a spirit in
 him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall re-
 turn unto his own land; and I will cause him to
 fall by the sword in his own land.
- 8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of
 Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard
 9 that he was departed from Lachish. And he heard

say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come out to fight against thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by ¹destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and ²Ivvah? And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries, and their land, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto

¹ Or, *devoting them*

² *Avva* in
2 Kings xvii.
24.

- Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to
 22 me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee, hath laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head ¹at
 23 thee. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice? thou hast even lifted up thine eyes
 24 on high against the Holy One of Israel. By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice ²fir
 25 trees thereof: and I will go unto his farthest height, to the forest of his fruitful field. I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers of ³Egypt.
 26 Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.
 27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as ⁴a field of
 28 corn before it be grown up. But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out and thy coming
 29 in, and thy raging against me. Because of thy raging against me, and for that ⁵thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which
 30 thou camest. And this shall be the sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth

¹ Heb. *after*.² Or, *cypress*³ Or, *defence*
Heb. *Mazor*.
ch. xix. 6.⁴ In 2 Kings
xix. 26, *corn*
blasted.⁵ Or, *thy care-
less case*

¹ Heb. *the
escaped of the
house of
Judah that
remain.*

of the same : and in the third year sow ye, and
reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
thereof. And ¹the remnant that is escaped ³¹
of the house of Judah shall again take root
downward, and bear fruit upward : for out of ³²
Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of
mount Zion they that shall escape : the zeal of
the LORD of hosts shall perform this. There- ³³
fore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of
Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor
shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come
before it with shield, nor cast a mount against
it. By the way that he came, by the same shall ³⁴
he return, and he shall not come unto this city,
saith the LORD. For I will defend this city to ³⁵
save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant
David's sake.

And the angel of the LORD went forth, and ³⁶
smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred
and fourscore and five thousand : and when men
arose early in the morning, behold, they were
all dead *bodies* corpses. So Sennacherib king of ³⁷
Assyria departed, and went and returned, and
dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he ³⁸
was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his
god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons
smote him with the sword ; and they escaped
into the land of Ara'at : and Esarhaddon his
son reigned in his stead.

² See 2 Kings
xx. 1, &c.

² In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. ¹ **38**
And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came
to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Set thine house in order : for thou shalt die,
and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face ²
to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, and ³
said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee,
how I have walked before thee in truth and
with a perfect heart, and have done that which

- is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- 4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah,
 5 saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith
 the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have
 heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold,
 6 I will add unto thy days fifteen years. And I
 will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of
 the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.
 7 And this shall be the sign unto thee from the
 LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he
 8 hath spoken; Behold, I will cause the shadow
 on the steps, which is gone down on the ¹dial of
 Ahaz ²with the sun, to return backward ten
 steps. So the sun returned ten steps ³on the
 dial whereon it was gone down. ¹ Heb. *steps*.
² Or, *by*
³ Or, *by which*
steps it dec.
- 9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah,
 when he had been sick, and was recovered of
 10 his sickness: I said, In the ⁴noontide of my
 days I shall go into the gates of ⁵the grave:
 I am deprived of the residue of my years. ⁴ Or, *tran-*
quillity
⁵ Heb. *Sheol*.
- 11 I said, I shall not see ⁶the LORD, even the
 LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold
 man no more ⁷with the inhabitants of the world. ⁶ Heb. *JAH*.
⁷ Or, *when I*
am among
them that have
ceased to be
- 12 Mine ⁸age is removed, and is carried away
 from me as a shepherd's tent: I have rolled up
 like a weaver my life: he will cut me off from
 the ⁹loom: from day even to night wilt thou
 13 make an end of me. ¹⁰I quieted *myself* until
 morning; as a lion, so he breaketh all my bones:
 from day even to night wilt thou make an end
 14 of me. Like ¹¹a swift *or* a crane, so did I chatter;
 I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with*
looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; be
 15 thou my surety. What shall I say? he hath
 both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it:
 I shall go ¹²solemnly all my years because of the
 16 bitterness of my soul. O Lord, by these things
 men live, and in all these things is the life of ¹² Or, *as in*
solemn pro-
cession See
 Ps. xlii. 4.

¹ Or, *so wilt thou recover me*

² Heb. *thou hast loved my soul from the pit.*

³ Or, *nothingness*

⁴ Heb. *Sheol.*

my spirit: ¹wherefore recover thou me, and make me to live. Behold, *it was for my peace* ¹⁷ *that* I had great bitterness: but ²thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of ³corruption; for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. For ⁴the grave cannot praise ¹⁸ thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, ¹⁹ as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. The LORD is ²⁰ *ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake ²¹ of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover. Hezekiah also had said, ²² What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

⁵ See 2 Kings xx. 12, &c.

⁵At that time Merodach-baladan, the son ¹ **39** of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah ² was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ⁶precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his ⁷armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto ³ king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine ⁴ house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed

⁶ Or, *spicery*

⁷ Or, *jewels*

5 them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear
6 the word of the LORD of hosts: Behold, the
days come, that all that is in thine house, and
that which thy fathers have laid up in store
until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: no-
7 thing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of
thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou
shalt beget, shall they take away; and they
shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of
8 Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah,
Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast
spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be
peace and truth in my days.

40 ¹ Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith
² your God. Speak ye ¹comfortably to Jerusa-
lem, and cry unto her, that her ²warfare is
accomplished, that her ³iniquity is pardoned;
that she hath received of the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
3 The voice of one ⁴that crieth, Prepare ye
in the wilderness the way of the LORD, make
⁵straight in the desert a highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every moun-
tain and hill shall be made low: and ⁶the crooked
shall be made straight, and the rough places
⁷plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be
revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for
6 the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The
voice of one saying, Cry. And ⁸one said, What
shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the
goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
7 the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because
the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely
8 the people is grass. The grass withereth, the
flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall
stand for ever.

9 ⁹O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,

¹ Heb. to the heart.

² Or, time of service

³ Or, punishment is accepted

⁴ Or, as some read, that crieth in the wilderness.

Prepare ye the way &c.

⁶ Or, level

⁶ Or, the uneven shall be made level

⁷ Or, a plain

⁸ The LXX. and Vulgate have, I said.

⁹ Or, O Zion, that bringest good tidings

¹ Or, *O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings*

get thee up into the high mountain; ¹O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come ¹⁰ as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his ²recompence before him. He shall feed his ¹¹ flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that give suck.

² Or, *work*

³ Or, *meted out*

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow ¹² of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath ¹³

⁴ Or, *the isles are as the fine dust that is lifted up*

³directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom ¹⁴ took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgement, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a ¹⁵ drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, ⁴he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is ¹⁶ not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering. All the nations ¹⁷

⁵ Or, *as a thing of nought*

⁶ Or, *confusion*

are as nothing before him; they are counted to him ¹⁸ less than nothing, and ⁶vanity. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? The graven image, a ¹⁹ workman melted, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and ⁷casteth silver chains. He ²⁰ that is too impoverished for *such* an oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to ⁷set up a graven image, that shall not be moved. Have ye not ²¹ known? have ye not heard? hath it not been

⁷ Or, *prepare*

- told you from the beginning? have ye not
¹understood from the foundations of the earth? ¹ Or, understood the foundations
- 22 *It is* he that sitteth ²upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a ³curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: ² Or, above ³ Or, gauze
- 23 that bringeth princes to nothing; he maketh
 24 the judges of the earth as ⁴vanity. ⁵Yea, they have not been planted; yea, they have not been sown; yea, their stock hath not taken root in the earth: moreover he bloweth upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them ⁴ Or, confusion ⁵ Or, Scarce are they planted, scarce are they sown, scarce hath their stock taken root in the earth, when he bloweth upon them &c.
- 25 away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the
 26 Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.
- 27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my
 28 judgement is passed away from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? ⁶the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; ⁶ Or, the LORD is an everlasting God, the Creator...he fainteth not &c.
- 29 there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath
 30 no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young
 31 men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.
- 41 ¹ Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the peoples renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come
² near together to judgement. Who hath raised

¹ Or, whom
righteousness
meeteth
whithersoever
he goeth
Or, whom
righteousness
calleteth to its
foot

² Or, he
maketh as the
dust their
sword, as the
driven stubble
their bow

up one from the east, ¹whom he calleth in
righteousness to his foot? he giveth nations
before him, and maketh him rule over kings;
²he giveth them as the dust to his sword, as
the driven stubble to his bow. He pursueth ³
them, and passeth on safely; even by a way
that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath ⁴
wrought and done it, calling the generations
from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and
with the last, I am he. The isles saw, and ⁵
feared; the ends of the earth trembled: they
drew near, and came. They helped every one ⁶
his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother,
Be of good courage. So the carpenter encour- ⁷
aged the goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth with
the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying
of the soldering, It is good: and he fastened it
with nails, that it should not be moved.

But thou, Israel, my servant; Jacob whom I ⁸
have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend;
thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends ⁹
of the earth, and called thee from the ²corners
thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my ser-
vant, I have chosen thee and not cast thee
away; fear thou not, for I am with thee; ⁴be ¹⁰
not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strength-
en thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will up-
hold thee with the right hand of my righteous-
ness. Behold, all they that are incensed against ¹¹
thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they
that strive with thee shall be as nothing, and
shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt ¹²
not find them, even them that contend with
thee: they that war against thee shall be as
nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the ¹³
LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying
unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear ¹⁴
not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I

³ Or, chief-men

⁴ Or, look not
around thee

- will help thee, saith the LORD, and ¹thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. The poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst; I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together: that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.
- Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and declare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or shew us things for to come. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may ²be dismayed, and behold it together.
- Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.
- I have raised up one from the north, and he is come; from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon my name: and he shall come upon

¹ Or, thy redeemer is the Holy One &c.

² Or, look one upon another

¹ Or, *deputies*

¹ rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. Who hath declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is righteous*? yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. ² The first *shall say* unto Zion, Behold, ²⁷

² Or, I am the first that saith

behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. And when I look ²⁸ there is no man; even among them there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can answer a word. ³ Behold, all of them, their works are ²⁹ vanity and nought: their molten images are wind and confusion.

³ Or, Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nought

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my ¹ **42**

chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgement to the nations. He shall not cry, nor ² lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and ³ the ⁴ smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgement in truth. He shall not ⁴

⁴ Or, dimly burning wick

⁵ Or, burn dimly

⁶ Or, bruised

⁵ fail nor be ⁶ discouraged, till he have set judgement in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the LORD; he that ⁵ created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righte- ⁶ ousness, and will hold thine hand, and will ⁷ keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations; to open the blind eyes, ⁷ to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the LORD; that is my name: and ⁸ my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images. Behold, the former ⁹

⁷ Or, form

things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

- 10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the
 11 isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of ¹Sela sing, let them shout ¹ See xvi. 1.
 12 from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in
 13 the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man. He shall stir up ²jealousy like a man of ² Or, *zeal*
 14 war: he shall cry, yea, he shall shout aloud; he shall do mightily against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: *now* will I cry out like a travailing woman; I will ³gasp and pant ³ Or, *destroy and devour*
 15 together. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools.
 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These ~~are~~ ~~the things that~~ I will do, ⁴and I will not forsake ⁴ Or, *and will not forbear*
 17 them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say unto molten images, Ye are our gods.
 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye
 19 may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I send? who is blind as he that is ⁵at peace *with me*, and blind as ⁵ Or, *made perfect*
 20 the LORD's servant? Thou seest many things, Or, *recom-pensed*
 but thou observest not; his ears are open, but ⁶Or, *make th teaching great and glorious*
 21 he heareth not. It pleased the LORD, for his righteousness' sake to ⁶magnify the law, and

make it honourable. But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. Who is there among you that will give ear to this? that will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour; I have given Egypt as thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou hast been precious in my sight, ¹and honourable, and I have loved thee; therefore will I give men for thee, and peoples for thy life. Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth; every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory; I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the people

¹ Or, *thou hast been honourable &c.*

- that are blind and have eyes, and the deaf that
 9 have ears. ¹Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified: ²or let them hear,
 10 and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.
 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is
 12 no saviour. I have declared, and I have saved, and I have shewed, and there was no strange
god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses,
 13 saith the LORD, and I am God. Yea, ³since the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ⁴let it?
 14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and ⁵I will bring down all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships
 15 of their rejoicing. I am the LORD, your Holy
 16 One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea,
 17 and a path in the mighty waters; ⁶which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched
 18 as ⁷flax: Remember ye not the former things,
 19 neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in ⁸the desert.
 20 The beasts of the field shall honour me, the jackals and the ostriches: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to

¹ Or, *Gather yourselves together, all ye nations*

² Or, *and that they may hear*

³ Or, *from this day forth I &c.*

⁴ Heb. *turn it back?*

⁵ Or, *as otherwise read, I will bring down all their nobles*

⁶ Or, *which... power: They shall lie &c.*

⁷ Or, *a wick*

⁸ Or, *Jeshimon*

give drink to my people, my chosen : the people ²¹
 which I formed for myself, ¹that they might set
 forth my praise. Yet thou hast not called upon ²²
 me, O Jacob ; but thou hast been weary of me,
 O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small ²³
 cattle of thy burnt-offerings ; neither hast thou
 honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not
 made thee to serve with ²offerings, nor wearied
 thee with frankincense. Thou hast bought me ²⁴
 no ³sweet cane with money, neither hast thou
⁴filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices : but
 thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou
 hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even ²⁵
 I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for
 mine own sake ; and I will not remember thy
 sins. Put me in remembrance ; let us plead ²⁶
 together : set thou forth *thy cause*, that thou
 mayest be justified. Thy first father sinned, ²⁷
 and ⁵thine interpreters have transgressed against
 me. Therefore I will profane the ⁶princes of ²⁸
 the sanctuary, and I will make Jacob a ⁷curse,
 and Israel a reviling. Yet now hear, O Jacob ¹ **44**
 my servant ; and Israel, whom I have chosen :
 thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed ²
 thee from the womb, who will help thee : Fear
 not, O Jacob my servant ; and thou, Jeshurun,
 whom I have chosen. For I will pour water ³
 upon ⁸him that is thirsty, and streams upon the
 dry ground : I will pour my spirit upon thy
 seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring :
 and they shall spring up among the grass, as ⁴
 willows by the water courses. One shall say, ⁵
 I am the LORD'S ; and another shall ⁹call *him-*
self by the name of Jacob ; and another shall
¹⁰subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and
¹¹surname *himself* by the name of Israel.
 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, ⁶
 and his redeemer the LORD of hosts : I am the

¹ Or, *they*
shall set forth

² Or, *a meal-*
offering

³ Or, *calamus*

⁴ Or, *satiated*

⁵ Or, *thy*
teachers : or,
ambassadors

⁶ Or, *holy*
princes

⁷ Or, *devoted*
thing

⁸ Or, *the*
thirsty land

⁹ Or, *proclaim*
the name

¹⁰ Or, *write on*
his hand, Unto
the Lord

¹¹ Or, *give for*
a title the name
of Israel

- first, and I am the last; and beside me there
 7 is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall
 declare it, and set it in order for me, since
 I appointed the ancient people? and the things
 that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let
 8 them ¹declare. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: ¹ Or, declare
 have I not declared unto thee of old, and shewed ^{unto them}
 it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God
 beside me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not
 9 any. They that fashion a graven image are all
 of them ²vanity; and their delectable things ² Or, con-
 shall not profit: and they are their own ^{fusion} wit-
 nesses; they see not, nor know; that they may
 10 be ashamed. Who hath fashioned a god, or
 molten a graven image that is profitable for
 11 nothing? Behold, ³all his fellows shall be ³ Or, all that
 ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men: ^{join themselves}
 let them all be gathered together, let them stand ^{thereto}
 up; they shall fear, they shall be ashamed to-
 12 gether. The smith ⁴maketh an axe, and worketh ⁴ Or, sharpen-
 in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, ^{eth a tool}
 and worketh it with his strong arm: yea, he is
 hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no
 13 water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth
 out a line; he marketh it out with ⁵a pencil; he ⁵ Or, red ochre
 shapeth it with planes, and he marketh it out
 with the compasses, and shapeth it after the
 figure of a man, according to the beauty of a
 14 man, to dwell in the house. He heweth him
 down cedars, and taketh the holm tree and the
 oak, and ⁶strengtheneth for himself one among ⁶ Or, en-
 the trees of the forest: he planteth ⁷a fir, and ^{courageth him-}
 15 the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for ^{self in de.}
 a man to burn; and he taketh thereof, and ⁷ Or, an ash
 warmeth himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh
 bread: yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth
 it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth
 16 down thereto. He burneth ⁸part thereof in the ⁸ Or, the half

¹ Or, *the half* fire; with ¹part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: and the residue thereof he maketh ¹⁷ a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it and worshippeth, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They know not, neither do they consider: for ¹⁸ ² Heb. *daubed*. he hath ²shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none calleth to mind, neither is there know- ¹⁹ ledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a ²⁰ deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Remember these things, O Jacob; and Israel, ²¹ for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art ~~a servant unto me~~: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as ²² a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens, for the ²³ LORD hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel.

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he ²⁴ that formed thee from the womb: I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth; ²⁵ ³ who is with me? That frustrateth ⁴ Or, *boasters* the tokens of the ⁴liars, and maketh diviners

³ Another reading is, *by myself*.

fools; that turneth wise men backward, and
 26 maketh their knowledge foolish: that confirmeth
 the word of his servant, and performeth the
 counsel of his messengers; that saith of Jerusa-
 lem, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of
 Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up
 27 the waste places thereof: that saith to the deep,
 28 Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: that saith
 of ¹Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform
 all my pleasure: even saying of Jerusalem, She
 shall be built; and of the temple, Her founda-
 tion shall be laid.

¹ Heb. *Corresh*.

45 ¹ Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to
 Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to
 subdue nations before him, and I will loose
 the loins of kings; to open the doors before
 2 him, and the gates shall not be shut; I will go
 before thee, and make the rugged places plain:
 I will break in pieces the doors of brass, and
 3 cut in sunder the bars of iron: and I will give
 thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches
 of secret places, that thou mayest know that I
 am the LORD, which call thee by thy name,
 4 even the God of Israel. For Jacob my servant's
 sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called thee
 by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though
 5 thou hast not known me. I am the LORD, and
 there is none else; beside me there is no God:
 I will gird thee, though thou hast not known
 6 me: that they may know from the rising of the
 sun, and from the west, that there is none beside
 me: I am the LORD, and there is none else.
 7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make
 peace, and create evil; I the LORD do all these
 things.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and
 let the skies pour down righteousness: let the
 earth open, that they may ²bring forth salva-

² Or, *be fruit-
ful in salva-
tion*

tion, and let her cause righteousness to spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

Woe unto him that striveth with his maker! ⁹
 a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth!
 Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it,
 What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no
 hands? Woe unto him that saith unto a father, ¹⁰
 What begetteth thou? or to a woman, With what
 travailest thou? Thus saith the LORD, the Holy ¹¹
 One of Israel, and his maker: Ask me of the
 things that are to come; concerning my sons,
 and concerning the work of my hands command
 ye me. I have made the earth, and created ¹²
 man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched
 out the heavens, and all their host have I com-
 manded. I have raised him up in righteousness, ¹³
 and I will make straight all his ways: he shall
 build my city, and he shall let my exiles go
 free, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of
 hosts.

Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, ¹⁴
 and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the
 Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto
 thee, and they shall be thine; they shall go
 after thee; in chains they shall come over: and
 they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make
 supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God is in
 thee; and there is none else, no God at all.
 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God ¹⁵
 of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, ¹⁶
 yea confounded, all of them: they shall go into
 confusion together that are makers of idols. *But* ¹⁷
 Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an ever-
 lasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor
 confounded world without end.

For thus saith the LORD that created the ¹⁸
 heavens; he is God; that formed the earth and
 made it; he established it, he created it not ¹⁹a

¹ Or, in vain

- waste, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the
 19 LORD; and there is none else. I have not
 spoken in secret, in a place of the land of dark-
 ness; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek
 ye me ¹in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness,
 20 I declare things that are right. Assemble your-
 selves and come; draw near together, ye that
 are escaped of the nations: they have no know-
 ledge that carry the wood of their graven image,
 21 and pray unto a god that cannot save. Declare
 ye, and ²bring *it* forth; yea, let them take coun-
 sel together: who hath shewed this from ancient
 time? who hath declared it of old? have not I
 the LORD? and there is no God else beside me;
 a just God and a saviour; there is none beside
 22 me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the
 ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is
 23 none else. By myself have I sworn, ³the word
 is gone forth from my mouth *in* righteousness,
 and shall not return, That unto me every
 24 knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Only
 in the LORD, ⁴shall one say ⁵unto me, is righte-
 ousness and strength: even to him shall men
 come, and all they that were incensed against
 25 him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all
 the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.
 46 ¹ Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth; their idols
 are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the
 things that ye carried about are made a load, a
 2 burden to the weary *beast*. They stoop, they
 bow down together; they could not deliver the
 burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.
 3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and
 all the remnant of the house of Israel, which
 have been borne *by me* from the belly, which
 4 have been carried from the womb: and even to
 old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I
 carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I

¹ Or, as a
waste

² Or, bring
them near

³ Or, righteous-
ness is gone
forth from my
mouth, a
word which
shall not re-
turn

Or, the word is
gone forth
from a mouth
of righteous-
ness, and shall
not return

⁴ Or, hath
one said

⁵ Or, of

will carry, and will deliver. To whom will ye 5
 liken me, and make me equal, and compare me,
 that we may be like? Such as lavish gold out 6
 of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, they
 hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god; they
 fall down, yea, they worship. They bear him 7
 upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him
 in his place, and he standeth; from his place
 shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto
 him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of
 his trouble.

¹ Or, *stand
fast*

² Or, *that*

Remember this, and ¹shew yourselves men: 8
 bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.
 Remember the former things of old: ²for I 9
 am God, and there is none else; *I am* God,
 and there is none like me; declaring the end ¹⁰
 from the beginning, and from ancient times
 things that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel
 shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: call- ¹¹
 ing a ravenous bird from the east, the man of
³my counsel from a far country: yea, I have
 spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have pur-
 posed, I will also do it. Harken unto me, ye ¹²
 stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:
 I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be ¹³
 far off, and my salvation shall not tarry; and I
 will ⁴place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

³ Another
 reading is,
his.

⁴ Or, *give
salvation in
Zion, and my
glory unto
Israel*

Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin ¹ 47
 daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without
 a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou
 shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
 Take the millstones, and grind meal: remove ²
 thy veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg,
 pass through the rivers. Thy nakedness shall ³
 be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I
 will take vengeance, and will ⁴accept no man.
 Our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, ⁴
 the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and ⁵

⁵ Or, *make
truce with
Heb. meet.*

get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The
 6 lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people,
 I profaned mine inheritance, and gave them
 into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy;
 upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy
 7 yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for
 ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to
 thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end
 thereof.

8 Now therefore hear this, thou that art given
 to pleasures, that ¹dweldest carelessly, that ¹Or, *sittest*
 sayest in thine heart, I am, and there is none ^{securely}
 else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither
 9 shall I know the loss of children: but these two
 things shall come to thee in a moment in one
 day, the loss of children, and widowhood: in
 their full measure shall they come upon thee,
 * despite of the multitude of thy sorceries, and
 10 the great abundance of thine enchantments.

For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou
 hast said, None seeth me; thy wisdom and thy
 knowledge, it hath perverted thee: and thou
 hast said in thine heart, I am, and there is none

11 else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon
 thee; thou shalt not know ²the dawning thereof: ²Or, *how to*
 and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not ^{charm it away}
 be able to put it away: and desolation shall
 come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest

12 not. Stand now with thine enchantments, and
 with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein
 thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be
 thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest

13 ³prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude ³Or, *strike*
 of thy counsels: let now the astrologers, the ^{terror}
 stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand
 up, and save thee from the things that shall

14 come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stub-

ble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. Thus shall the things be unto thee where-
 in thou hast laboured: they that have trafficked
 with thee from thy youth shall wander every one
¹to his quarter; there shall be none to save thee.

¹ Or, *his own*
way

Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are 1 48
 called by the name of Israel, and are come forth
 out of the waters of Judah; which swear by the
 name of the LORD, and make mention of the
 God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteous-
 ness. For they call themselves of the holy city, ²
 and stay themselves upon the God of Israel;
 the LORD of hosts is his name. I have declared ³
 the former things from of old; yea, they went
 forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them:
 suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.
 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy ⁴
 neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; there-
 fore I have declared it to thee from of old; before ⁵
 it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou should-
 est say, Mine idol hath done them, and my gra-
 ven image, and my molten image, hath commanded
 them. Thou hast heard it; behold all this; and ⁶
 ye, will ye not declare it? I have shewed thee new
 things from this time, even hidden things, which
 thou hast not known. They are created now, and ⁷
 not from of old; and before this day thou heard-
 est them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I
 knew them. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou ⁸
 knewest not; yea, from of old thine ear was not
 opened: for I knew that thou didst deal very
 treacherously, and wast called a transgressor
 from the womb. For my name's sake will I ⁹
 defer mine anger, and for my praise will I re-
 frain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, ¹⁰
 I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have

- 11 ¹chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should *my name* be profaned? and my glory will I not give to another. ¹ Or, *tried*
- 12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the
- 13 last. Yea, mine hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spread out the heavens: when I call unto them, they
- 14 stand up together. Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? ²The LORD hath loved him: he shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his
- 15 arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. ² Or, *He whom the Lord loveth shall &c.*
- 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord
- 17 GOD hath sent me, and his Spirit. Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way
- 18 that thou shouldest go. ³O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as
- 19 the waves of the sea: thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like
- ⁴the grains thereof: his name *shall* not be cut off nor destroyed from before me. ³ Or, *O that thou wouldst hearken...then should thy peace be &c.* ⁴ Or, *that of the bowels thereof*
- 20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant
- 21 Jacob. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye ¹ 49
peoples, from far: The LORD hath called me
from the womb; from the bowels of my mother
hath he made mention of my name: and he ²
hath made my mouth like a sharp sword, in
the shadow of his hand hath he hid me; and
he hath made me a polished shaft, in his quiver
hath he kept me close: and he said unto me, ³
Thou art my servant; Israel, in whom I will be
glorified. But I said, I have laboured in vain, ⁴
I have spent my strength for nought and
vanity: yet surely my judgement is with the
LORD, and my recompence with my God. And ⁵,
now saith the LORD that formed me from the
womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to
him, ¹and that Israel be gathered unto him: . .
(for I am honourable in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God is become my strength:) yea he ⁶ .
saith, It is too light a thing that thou shouldest
be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will
also give thee for a light to the nations, ²that
thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of
the earth.

Thus saith the LORD, the redeemer of Israel, ⁷
and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth,
to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant
of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes,
and they shall worship; because of the LORD
that is faithful, *even* the Holy One of Israel, who
hath chosen thee. Thus saith the LORD, In an ⁸
acceptable time have I answered thee, and in a
day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will
preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of
the people to ³raise up the land, to make them
inherit the desolate heritages; saying to them ⁹

¹ Another
reading is, *but*
Israel is not
gathered, yet
shall I be &c.

² Or, *that my*
salvation may

³ Or, *establish*
the earth

that are bound, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their
 10 pasture. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the ¹heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide
 11 them. And I will make all my mountains a
 12 way, and my highways shall be exalted. Lo, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the
 13 land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted.

¹ Heb. *mirage*.
 See xxxv. 7.

14 But Zion said, Jehovah hath forsaken me,
 15 and the Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, these may forget, yet will not I forget thee.
 16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.
 17 ²Thy children make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.
 18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and gird thyself with them, like a
 19 bride. For, as for thy waste and thy desolate places and thy land that hath been destroyed, surely now shalt thou be too strait for the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall
 20 be far away. The children of thy bereavement shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may
 21 dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have been

² According to some ancient authorities,
Thy builders.

¹ Or, *barren*

bereaved of my children, and am ¹solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will ²² lift up mine hand to the nations, and set up my ensign to the peoples: and they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings ²³ shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and they that wait for me shall not be ashamed. Shall the prey be taken from the ²⁴

² Heb. *the captives of the just*: or, as read by the Vulg. and Syr., *the captives of the terrible*.

mighty, or ²the lawful captives be delivered? But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of ²⁵ the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed ²⁶ them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with ³sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

³ Or, *new wine*

Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of ¹ 50 your mother's divorcement, wherewith I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were ye sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. Where- ² fore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is

3 no water, and dieth for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of¹ them that are taught, that I should know how

²to sustain with words him that is weary: he

wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth

5 mine ear to hear as¹ they that are taught. The

Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not

6 rebellious, neither turned away backward. I

gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to

them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my

7 face from shame and spitting. For the Lord

GOD will help me; therefore have I not been

confounded: therefore have I set my face like

a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend

with me? let us stand up together: who is mine

9 adversary? let him come near to me. Behold,

the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that

shall condemn me? behold, they all shall wax

old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD,

that obeyeth the voice of his servant? ³he that

walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him

trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon

11 his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that

gird yourselves about with firebrands: ⁴get-you

into the flame of your fire, and among the brands

that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of

mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 ¹ Harken to me, ye that follow after right-

eousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the

rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of

² the pit whence ye were digged. Look unto

Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare

you: for when he was but one I called him, and

³ I blessed him, and made him many. For the

¹ Or, disciples

² Or, to speak
a word in
season to
him &c.

³ Or, though
he walketh

⁴ Or, walk
ye in

LORD hath comforted Zion: he hath comforted all her waste places; and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear 4 unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will make my judgement to rest for a light of the peoples. My righteousness is 5 near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift 6 up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die ¹in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

¹ Or, perhaps,
like gnats

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall 8 eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of 9 the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Art thou not it that cut ²Rahab in pieces, that pierced the dragon? Art thou not it which dried up the 10 sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? ³And the ransomed of the LORD 11 shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads:

² See ch.
xxx. 7.

³ See ch.
xxxv. 10.

they shall obtain gladness and joy, *and* sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you : who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made

13 as grass ; and hast forgotten the LORD thy maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth ; and fearest continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, ¹when he maketh ready to destroy ?

14 and where is the fury of the oppressor ? ²The captive exile shall speedily be loosed ; and he shall not die *and go down* into the pit, neither

15 shall his bread fail. For I am the LORD thy God, which ³stirreth up the sea, that the waves

16 thereof roar : the LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury ; thou hast drunken the bowl of the cup

18 of staggering, and drained it. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth ; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath

19 brought up. These two things are befallen thee ; who shall bemoan thee ? desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword ; how

20 shall I comfort thee ? Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the top of all the streets, as an antelope in a net ; they are full of the fury of the

21 LORD, the rebuke of thy God. Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not

22 with wine : thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people,

¹ Or, *as though he made ready*

² Or, *He that is bent down*

³ Or, *stilleth the sea when the waves thereof roar*

Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: and I ²³ will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy back as the ground, and as the street, to them that go over.

Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; ¹ 52 put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit ² thee down, O Jerusalem: ³ loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

¹ Another reading is, *the bands of thy neck are loosed.*

For thus saith the LORD, Ye were sold for ³ nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. For thus saith the Lord God, My ⁴ people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there: and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what do I ⁵ here, saith the LORD, seeing that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them do howl, saith the LORD, and my name continually all the day is blasphemed. There- ⁶ fore my people shall know my name; therefore *they shall know* in that day that I am he that doth speak, behold, it is I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the ⁷ feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! The voice of thy ⁸ watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see, eye to eye, ² when the LORD returneth to Zion. Break forth into ⁹ joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath

² Or, *how*

10 redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go out in haste, neither shall ye go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward.

13 Behold, my servant shall ¹deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

14 Like as many were astonished at thee, (his visage was so marred ²more than any man, and his

15 form more than the sons of men,) so shall he ³sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their

mouths ⁴at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

53 ¹Who hath believed ⁵our report? and to whom

²hath the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; ⁶and when we see him, there is no

³beauty that we should desire him. He was despised, and ⁷rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with ⁸grief: and ⁹as one from whom men hide their face, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he hath borne our ¹⁰griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken,

⁵smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are

⁶healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath ¹¹laid on him the iniquity of us all.

¹ Or, prosper

² Or, from that of man, and his form from that of the sons of men

³ Or, startle

⁴ Or, because of

⁵ Or, that which we have heard

⁶ Or, that we should look upon him; nor beauty &c.

⁷ Or, forsaken

⁸ Heb. sickness.

⁹ Or, he hid as it were his face from us

¹⁰ Heb. sicknesses.

¹¹ Heb. made to light.

He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself ⁷ and opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb: yea, he opened not his mouth.

¹ By oppression and judgement he was taken away; ⁸ ² and who considereth his ³ generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people ⁴ was he stricken. And they made his grave with the wicked, and ⁹ with the rich in his ⁵ death; ⁶ although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he ¹⁰ hath ⁷ put him to grief: ⁸ when thou shalt make his soul ⁹ an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹⁰ He ¹¹ shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant ¹¹ justify many: and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a por- ¹² tion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and ¹² made intercession for the transgressors.

Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; ¹ **54** break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the ² place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations, spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou ³ shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither ⁴

¹ Or, From

² Or, and as for his generation, who among them considereth that he...living?

³ Or, age

⁴ Or, to whom the stroke was due

⁵ Heb. deaths. See Ezek. xxviii. 8, 10.

⁶ Or, because

⁷ Heb. made him sick.

⁸ Or, when his soul shall make an offering

⁹ Heb. a guilt-offering. Lev. v. 6.

¹⁰ Or, He shall see and be satisfied with the travail &c.

¹¹ Or, make many righteous

¹² Or, maketh

- be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more. For thy maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- 6 For the LORD hath called thee as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. ¹In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer. ²For this is *as* the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.
- 10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.
- 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in ³fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.
- 12 And I will make thy ⁴pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be ⁵taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shall thou be established: ⁶thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they may ⁷gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall ⁸gather together against thee shall fall because of thee. Behold, I have created the smith
- ¹ Or, *In a little wrath*
- ² Or, according to some ancient authorities, *This is unto me as the days of Noah, when I swore &c.*
- ³ Or, *antimony* See 1 Chron. xxix. 2.
- ⁴ Or, *windows*
- ⁵ Or, *disciples*
- ⁶ Or, *be thou far*
- ⁷ Or, *stir up strife*
- ⁸ Or, *shall fall away to thee*

¹ Or, *its*

that bloweth the fire of coals, and bringeth forth a weapon for ¹his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed ¹⁷ against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and ²their righteousness which is of me, saith the LORD.

² Or, *their righteousness is of me*

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the ¹ 55 waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore ² do ye ³spend money for that which is not bread? and your ⁴labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; ³ hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him ⁴ for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. Behold, thou shalt call a ⁵ nation that thou knowest not, and a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

³ Heb. *weigh*.

⁴ Or, *earnings*

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, ⁶ call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked ⁷ forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my ⁸ thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the ⁹ heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh ¹⁰ down and the snow from heaven, and returneth

not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh
 it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the
 11 sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word
 be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall
 not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish
 that which I please, and it shall prosper in the
 12 thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out
 with joy, and be led forth with peace: the
 mountains and the hills shall break forth before
 you into singing, and all the trees of the field
 13 shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn
 shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the
 brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall
 be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting
 sign that shall not be cut off.

56 1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgement,
 and do righteousness: for my salvation is near
 to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son
 of man that holdeth fast by it; that keepeth the
 sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand

3 from doing any evil. Neither let the stranger,
 that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak,
 saying, The LORD will surely separate me from
 his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold,

4 I am a dry tree. For thus saith the LORD of
 the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose
 the things that please me, and hold fast by my

5 covenant; unto them will I give in mine house
 and within my walls a ¹memorial and a name

²better than of sons and of daughters: I will
 give ³them an everlasting name, that shall

6 not be cut off. Also the strangers, that join
 themselves to the LORD, to minister unto him,
 and to love the name of the LORD, to be his
 servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath

7 from profaning it, and holdeth fast by my coven-
 ant; even them will I bring to my holy moun-

¹ Or, place
 Heb. *hand*.

² Or, better
 than sons and
 daughters

³ Heb. *him*.

tain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all peoples. The Lord GOD which gathereth the 8 outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, ¹beside his own that are gathered.

¹ Heb. *to his gathered ones.*

² Or, *come ye to devour all the beasts in the forest*

All ye beasts of the field, ²come to devour, 9 *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest. His watchmen 10 are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, the dogs 11 are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, ³from every quarter. Come ye, 12 *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, *a day* great beyond measure.

³ Or, *one and all*

⁴ Or, *godly*

⁵ Or, *through wickedness*

⁶ Or, *straight before him*

The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth 1 **57** it to heart; and ⁴merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away ⁵from the evil *to come*. He entereth into 2 peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh ⁶in his uprightness.

⁷ Or, *among the oaks*

⁸ Or, *satisfied with*

But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, 3 the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against 4 whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ye that inflame yourselves 5 *with* idols under every green tree; that slay the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? Among the smooth *stones* of the 6 valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered ⁸an oblation. Shall I be ^{*}appeased for these things? Upon a high and 7

- lofty mountain hast thou set thy bed : thither
 8 also wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. And
 behind the doors and the posts hast thou set
 up thy memorial : for thou hast discovered
thyself to another than me, and art gone up ;
 thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a
 covenant with them ; thou lovedst their bed
 9 where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to
 the king with ointment, and didst increase thy
 perfumes, and didst send thine ambassadors far
 off, and didst debase thyself even unto ¹hell. ¹ Heb. *Sheol*.
 10 Thou wast wearied with the length of thy way ;
 yet saidst thou not, There is no hope : thou hast
 found ²a quickening of thy strength ; therefore ² Heb. *the*
 11 thou wast not ³faint. And of whom hast thou *life of thine*
 been afraid and in fear, that thou liest, and hast *hand*,
 not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart ? ³ Heb. *sick*.
 have not I held my peace even of long time,
 12 and thou fearest me not ? I will declare thy
 righteousness ; and as for thy works, they shall
 13 not profit thee. When thou criest, let ⁴them ⁴ Or, *thy*
 which thou hast gathered deliver thee ; but the *rabble of idols*
 wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them
 all away : but he that putteth his trust in me
 shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy
 14 mountain. And ⁵he shall say, Cast ye up, cast ⁵ Or, *it shall*
 ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling- *be said*
 block out of the way of my people.
 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that
 inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy ; I
 dwell in the high and holy place, with him also
 that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive
 the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart
 16 of the contrite ones. For I will not contend
 for ever, neither will I be always wroth : for the
 spirit should ⁶fail before me, and the souls which ⁶ Or, *faint*
 17 I have made. For the iniquity of his covet- *away*
 ousness was I wroth and smote him, I hid my

¹ Heb. *turning away.*

face and was wroth : and he went on ¹frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, ¹⁸ and will heal him : I will lead him also, and ²restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips : Peace, peace, to ¹⁹ him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the LORD ; and I will heal him. But the ²⁰ wicked are like the troubled sea ; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the ²¹ wicked.

³ Heb. *with the throat.*

Cry ³aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like **1 58** a trumpet, and declare unto my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to ² know my ways : as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ⁴ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous ordinances, they delight to draw near unto God. Wherefore ³ have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not ? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge ? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find *your own* pleasure, and ⁵exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and ⁴ contention, and to smite with the fist of wickedness : ⁶ye fast not this day so as to make your voice to be heard on high. Is such as this the ⁵ fast that I have chosen ? the day for a man to afflict his soul ? Is it to bow down his head as a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him ? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD ? Is not this the fast that ⁶ I have chosen ? to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every ⁷ yoke ? Is it not to deal thy bread to the ⁷ hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house ? when thou seest the

⁴ Or, *judgement*

⁵ Or, *oppress all your labourers*

⁶ Or, *ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make &c.*

- naked, that thou cover him ; and that thou hide
 8 not thyself from thine own flesh ? Then shall
 thy light break forth as the morning, and thy
 healing shall spring forth speedily : and thy
 righteousness shall go before thee ; the glory of
 9 the LORD shall be thy rearward. Then shalt
 thou call, and the LORD shall answer ; thou
 shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou
 take away from the midst of thee the yoke,
 the putting forth of the finger, and speaking
 10 wickedly ; and if thou ¹draw out thy soul to
 the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul ; then
 shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine
 11 obscurity be as the noon day : and the LORD
 shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul
 in ²dry places, and make strong thy bones ; and
 thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a
 12 spring of water, whose waters fail not. And
 they that shall be of thee shall build the old
 waste places : thou shalt raise up the foundations
 of many generations ; and thou shalt be called
 The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths
 13 to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from
 the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my
 holy day ; and call the sabbath a delight, *and*
 the holy of the LORD honourable ; and shalt
 honour ³it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding
 thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own*
 14 words : then shalt thou delight thyself in the
 LORD ; and I will make thee to ride upon the
 high places of the earth ; and I will feed thee
 with the heritage of Jacob thy father : for the
 mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
 59 ¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened,
 that it cannot save ; neither his ear heavy, that
² it cannot hear : but your iniquities have separ-
 ated between you and your God, and your sins
 have hid his face from you, that he will not

¹ Or, *bestow*
on the hungry
that which thy
soul desireth

² Or, *drought*

³ Or, *him*

hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, 3
 and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have
 spoken lies, your tongue muttereth wickedness.
 None ¹sueth in righteousness, and none pleadeth 4
 in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies;
 they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
 They hatch ²basilisks' eggs, and weave the 5
 spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth,
 and that which is crushed breaketh out into
 a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, 6
 neither shall they cover themselves with their
 works: their works are works of iniquity, and
 the act of violence is in their hands. Their 7
 feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed
 innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of
 iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their
³paths. The way of peace they know not; and 8
 there is no ⁴judgement in their goings: they
 have made them crooked paths; whosoever
 goeth therein doth not know peace. There- 9
 fore is judgement far from us, neither doth right-
 eousness overtake us: we look for light, but
 behold darkness; for brightness, but we walk
 in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the 10
 blind, yea, we grope as they that have no eyes:
 we stumble at noon day as in the twilight;
⁵among them that are ~~full of life~~ we are as dead 11
 men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore
 like doves: we look for judgement, but there
 is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.
 For our transgressions are multiplied before 12
 thee, and our sins testify against us: for our
 transgressions are with us, and as for our ini-
 quities, we know them: in transgressing and 13
 denying the LORD, and turning away from follow-
 ing our God, speaking oppression and revolt,
 conceiving and uttering from the heart words
 of falsehood. And judgement is turned away 14

¹ Heb. *calleth*.² Or, *adders*’³ Or, *high-ways*⁴ Or, *right*⁵ Or, *we are in dark places like the dead*

backward, and righteousness standeth afar off:
 for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness
 cannot enter. Yea, truth is lacking; and he
 15 that departeth from evil maketh himself a
 prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased
 16 him that there was no judgement. And he
 saw that there was no man, and wondered that
 there was ¹no intercessor: therefore his own
 arm brought salvation unto him; and his right-
 17 eousness, it upheld him. And he put on right-
 eousness as a ²breastplate, and ³a helmet of
 salvation upon his head; and he put on
 garments of vengeance for clothing, and was
 18 clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their
⁴deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his
 adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the
 19 ⁵islands he will repay recompence. So shall
 they fear the name of the LORD from the west,
 and his glory from the rising of the sun: ⁶for
⁷the adversary shall come in like a flood, which
 20 the breath of the LORD driveth. And a redeemer
 shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn
 from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.
 21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them,
 saith the LORD: My spirit that is upon thee,
 and my words which I have put in thy mouth,
 shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of
 the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of
 thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth
 and for ever.

¹ Or, none to
interpose

² Or, coat of
mail

³ Or, salvation
for a helmet

⁴ Heb. recom-
pences.

⁵ Or, coast-
lands

⁶ Or, when the
...flood, the
Spirit of the
Lord shall lift
up a standard
against him

⁷ Or, he shall
come ~~in~~ as a
rushing
stream, which
&c.

60 ¹ Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the
² glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, be-
 hold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross
 darkness the peoples: but the LORD shall arise
 upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon
 3 thee. And nations shall come to thy light, and
 4 kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up
 thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather

themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed upon thy side. Then thou shalt see ⁵ and ¹be lightened, and thine heart shall tremble and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee. The multitude ⁶ of camels shall cover thee, the ²dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; they all shall come from Sheba: they shall bring gold and frankincense; and shall ³proclaim the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will ⁴glorify ⁵the house of my glory. Who are these that fly ⁸ as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships ⁹ of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy ⁶One of Israel, because he hath ⁶glorified thee. And strangers shall build up thy walls, and their ¹⁰kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Thy gates also shall be open ¹¹ continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations and their kings led *with them*. For that nation and kingdom that will not serve ¹² thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall ¹³ come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together; to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious. And the sons of them that afflicted ¹⁴ thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down

17 (100)
18 (100)
¹ See Psalm xxxiv. 5.

² Or, *young camels*

³ Heb. *bring good tidings of*.

⁴ Or, *beautify*
⁵ Or, *my beautiful house*

⁶ Or, *beautified*

- at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee
 The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy
 15 One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a
 16 joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD
 am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty
 17 One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers
 18 peace, and ¹thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates
 19 Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy ²glory. ³ Or, beauty
 20 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy
 21 mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for ever; the branch of my planting, the work of
 22 my hands, that I may be glorified. The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in its time.
- 61 ¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the ³meek; he hath sent me ³ Or, poor
 to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the ⁴opening of ⁴ Or, opening
 2 the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim of the eyes
 the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that

mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in 3
 Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes,
 the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of
 praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they
 might be called trees of righteousness, the
 planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall 4
 raise up the former desolations, and they shall
 repair the waste cities, the desolations of many
 generations. And strangers shall stand and 5
 feed your flocks, and aliens shall be your plow-
 men and your vinedressers. But ye shall be 6
 named the priests of the LORD: men shall call
 you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the
 wealth of the nations, and ¹in their glory shall
 ye boast yourselves. For your shame *ye shall* 7
have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice
 in their portion: therefore in their land they
 shall possess double: everlasting joy shall be
 unto them. For I the LORD love judgement, 8
 I hate robbery ²with iniquity; and I will give
 them their recompence in truth, and I will make
 an everlasting covenant with them. And their 9
 seed shall be known among the nations, and
 their offspring among the peoples: all that see
 them shall acknowledge them, that they are the
 seed which the LORD hath blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul 10
 shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed
 me with the garments of salvation, he hath
 covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a
 bridegroom ³decketh himself with a garland, and
 as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as 11
 the garden causeth the things that are sown in
 it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause
 righteousness and praise to spring forth before
 all the nations.

¹ Or, to their
 glory shall ye
 succeed

² Or, for burnt-
 offering

³ Heb. decketh
 as a priest.

- 62 ¹ For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until
² her righteousness go forth as brightness, and
 her salvation as a lamp that burneth. And the
 nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings
 thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new
 name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
³ Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the
 hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the
⁴ hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be
 termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any
 more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be
 called ¹Hephzi-bah, and thy land ²Beulah: for
 the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall
⁵ be married. For as a young man marieth a
 virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and ³as
 the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall
 thy God rejoice over thee.
- ⁶ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jeru-
 salem; they shall never hold their peace day nor
 night: ye that are the LORD's remembrancers,
⁷ ⁴take ye no rest, and give him no ⁵rest, till he
 establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in
⁸ the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right
 hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely
 I will no more give thy corn to be meat for
 thine enemies; and strangers shall not drink
 thy ⁶wine, for the which thou hast laboured:
⁹ but they that have garnered it shall eat it,
 and praise the LORD; and they that have ga-
 thered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanct-
 uary.
- ¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates; prepare
 ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the
 highway; gather out the stones; lift up an en-
¹¹ sign ⁷for the peoples. Behold, the LORD hath
 proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye
 to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation

¹ That is, *My
delight is in
her.*

² That is,
Married.

³ Heb. *with
the joy of the
bridegroom.*

⁴ Or, *keep not
silence*

⁵ Heb. *silence.*

⁶ Or, *vantage*

⁷ Or, *over*

cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his ¹recompence before him. And they shall ¹² call them The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with ¹ **63** ²dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in ² thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the ³ winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yea, I ³trod them in mine anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their ⁴lifeblood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I ⁵have stained all my raiment. For the day ⁴ of vengeance is in mine heart, and ⁶the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and ⁵ there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And ⁷I trod down the peoples in ⁶ mine anger, and ⁸made them drunk in my fury, and I ⁹poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

³ Or, will tread...and will trample

⁴ Or, strength

⁵ Or, will stain

⁶ Or, my year of redemption

⁷ Or, I will tread...and make...and I will pour out

⁸ Or, according to another reading, brake them in pieces

⁹ Or, brought down their strength to the earth

¹⁰ Another reading is, In all their adversity he was no adversary.

I will make mention of the lovingkindnesses ⁷ of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, ⁸ Surely, they are my people, children that will not deal falsely: so he was their saviour. ¹⁰ In all ⁹ their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they re- ¹⁰

belled, and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* himself fought
 11 against them. ¹Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the
 12 ²shepherds of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit in the midst of them? ³that led ~~them~~
 at the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm? that divided the water before them, to
 13 make himself an everlasting name? that led them through the depths, as an horse in the
 14 wilderness, that they stumbled not? As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused them to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious
 15 name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy mighty acts? the yearning of thy bowels and thy compassions
 16 are restrained toward me. For thou art our father, though Abraham knoweth us not, and Israel doth not acknowledge us: thou, O LORD, art our father; our redeemer, *is* thy name from
 17 everlasting. O LORD, why dost thou make us to err from thy ways, and hardenest our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the
 18 tribes of thine inheritance. Thy holy people possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have
 19 trodden down thy sanctuary. We are become as they over whom thou never barest rule; as they
 64 ¹that were not called by thy name. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might ⁴flow down
 2 at thy presence, ⁵as when fire kindleth the brush-wood, the fire causeth the waters to boil: to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that
 3 the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not

¹ Or, *Then his people remembered the ancient days of Moses &c.*

² Another reading is, *shepherd.*

³ Or, *that caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses*

⁴ Or, *quake*

⁵ *Isiv. 1 in Heb.*

for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For from of old men ⁴ have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye ¹seen a God beside thee, which worketh for him that waiteth for him. Thou ⁵meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou wast wroth, and we sinned: ²in them *have we been* of long time, and shall we be saved? For we are all become as one that is ⁶unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, ⁷that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast ⁴consumed us by means of our iniquities. But now, ⁸O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, ⁹neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, look, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion ¹⁰is become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our ¹¹fathers praised thee, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. Wilt ¹²thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

I ⁵am inquired of by them that asked not *for* ¹65 *me*; I ⁶am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation ⁷that was not called by my name. I have ²spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; a people ³that provoketh me to my face continually, sacri-

¹ Or, *seen, O God, beside thee, one which &c.*

² Or, *sparest*

³ Or, *in those is continuance, and we shall be saved*
The text is probably corrupt.

⁴ Heb. *melted.*

⁵ Or, *was inquired of*
⁶ Or, *was found*

⁷ Or, as otherwise read, *that hath not called upon*

- ficing in gardens, and burning incense upon
 4 bricks; which ¹ sit among the graves, and lodge ¹ Or, dwell
 in the ² secret places; which eat swine's flesh, ² Or, vaults
 and broth of abominable things is in their
 5 vessels; which say, Stand by thyself, come not
 near to me; for I am holier than thou: these
 are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all
 6 the day. Behold, it is written before me: I will
 not keep silence, but will recompense, yea, I
 7 will recompense into their bosom, your own ini-
 quities, and the iniquities of your fathers to-
 gether, saith the LORD, which have burned
 incense upon the mountains, and ³ blasphemed ³ Or, defied
 me upon the hills: therefore will I ⁴ first measure ⁴ Or, measure
 their work into their bosom. ^{their former work}
 8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is
 found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it
 not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my
 servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.
 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
 and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains:
 and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants
 10 shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a ⁵ fold ⁵ Or, pasture
 of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for
 herds to lie down in, for my people that have
 11 sought me. But ye that forsake the LORD,
 that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a
 table for ⁶ Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine
 12 unto ⁷ Destiny; I will destine you to the sword,
 and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter:
 because when I called, ye did not answer; when
 I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which
 was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I
 delighted not.
 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold,
 my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry:
 behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be
 thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but

⁶ Heb. *Gad*.
 Gen. xxx. 11.

⁷ Heb. *Méni*.

ye shall be ashamed : behold, my servants shall ¹⁴
sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow
of heart, and shall howl for ¹vexation of spirit.
And ye shall leave your name for ²a curse unto ¹⁵
my chosen, and the Lord God shall slay thee ;
and he shall call his servants by another name :
so that he who blesseth himself in the earth ¹⁶
shall bless himself in the God of ³truth ; and he
that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the
God of ³truth ; because the former troubles are
forgotten, and because they are hid from mine
eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a ¹⁷
new earth : and the former things shall not be
remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye ¹⁸
glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create :
for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and
her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusa- ¹⁹
lem, and joy in my people : and the voice of
weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the
voice of crying. There shall be no more thence ²⁰
an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not
filled his days : for the child shall die an hundred
years old, and the sinner being an hundred
years old shall be accursed. And they shall ²¹
build houses, and inhabit them ; and they shall
plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They ²²
shall not build, and another inhabit ; they shall
not plant, and another eat : for as the days of a
tree shall be the days of my people, and my
chosen shall ⁴fully enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth ²³
for ⁵calamity ; for they are the seed of the
blessed of the LORD, and their offspring ⁶with
them. And it shall come to pass, that before ²⁴
they call, I will answer ; and while they are yet
speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb ²⁵
shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw
like the ox : and dust shall be the serpent's

¹ Heb.
breaking.

² Heb. an
oath.

³ Heb. Amen.

² Cor. i. 20 ;
Rev. iii. 14.

⁴ Heb. wear
out.

⁵ Or, ^{added}terror

⁶ Or, shall be
with them

meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

66 ¹ Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and ² what place shall be my rest? For all these things hath mine hand made, and all these things came into being, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth ³ at my word. He that killeth an ox is as he that slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as he that breaketh a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as he that offereth swine's blood*; he that ¹burneth frankincense, as he that blesseth an idol: yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations; ⁴ I also will choose their ²delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

¹ Heb. *maketh*
a memorial of

² Or, *mockings*

⁵ Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for my name's sake, have said, Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your ⁶ joy; but they shall be ashamed. A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence ⁷ to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was ⁸ delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be ³born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion ⁹ travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring

³ Or, *travailed*
with for but
one day

forth? saith the LORD: shall I that cause to bring forth shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad ¹⁰ for her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn over her: that ye ¹¹ may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend ¹² peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream, ¹and ye shall suck *thereof*; ye shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. As ¹³ one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And ye shall see *it*, and your heart shall ¹⁴ rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and he will have indignation against his enemies. For, ¹⁵ behold, the LORD will come ²with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire will the LORD plead, and by ¹⁶ his sword, with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. They that sanctify them- ¹⁷ selves and purify themselves ³to go unto the gardens, ³behind ⁴one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse; they shall come to an end together, saith the LORD. For I *know* their works and ¹⁸ their thoughts: ⁵*the time* cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. And I will set ¹⁹ a sign among them, and I will send ~~those that~~ *those that* escape of ~~them~~ unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard

¹ Or, *then*
shall ye suck,
ye &c.

² Or, *in*

³ Many ancient
authorities
have, *one after*
another.

⁴ Or, *one tree*
(or Asherah;
see Deut. xvi.
21)

⁵ Many ancient
authorities
have, *I come*
to gather &c.

my fame, neither have seen my glory ; and they
20 shall declare my glory among the nations. And
they shall bring all your brethren out of all the
nations for an offering unto the LORD, upon
horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon
mules, and upon ¹swift beasts, to my holy moun-
tain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children
of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel
21 into the house of the LORD. And of them also
will I take for priests *and* for Levites, saith the
22 LORD. For as the new heavens and the new
earth, which I will make, shall remain before
me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and
23 your name remain. And it shall come to pass,
that from one new moon to another, and from
one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come
24 to worship before me, saith the LORD. And
they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases
of the men that have transgressed against me :
for their worm shall not die, neither shall their
fire be quenched ; and they shall be an abhor-
ring unto all flesh.

¹ Or, *drome-
daries*



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J E R E M I A H.

1 ¹ THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of
the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of
2 Benjamin: to whom the word of the LORD came
in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of
3 Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It
came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of
Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the
eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah
king of Judah; unto the carrying away of
Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Now the word of the LORD came unto me,
5 saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I
knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of
the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed
6 thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I,

not he 7 Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I
am a child. But the LORD said unto me,

Say not, I am a child: for ¹to whomsoever I
shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever

¹ Or, on what-
soever errand

8 I shall command thee thou shalt speak. Be
not afraid because of them: for I am with thee
9 to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the
LORD put forth his hand, and touched my
mouth; and the LORD said unto me, Behold,

10 I have put my words in thy mouth: see,
I have this day set thee over the nations and

over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, and to destroy and to overthrow; to build, and to plant.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto 11 me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I

¹ Heb. *Shâkêd*. said, I see a rod of ¹an almond tree. Then said 12 the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for

² Heb. *Shôkêd*. I ²watch over my word to perform it. And the 13 word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething caldron; and the face thereof is from the north. Then the LORD said unto me, 14

³ Heb. *shall be opened*. Out of the north evil ³shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call 15

all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will ⁴utter my judgements against 16

⁴ Or, *speaking with them of my judgements*

them touching all their wickedness; in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up 17 thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. For, 18 behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they 19 shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

Moreover the word of the LORD came to 1 2 me, saying, Go and cry in the ears of Jeru- 2 salem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remem-

ber ¹for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, how thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto the LORD, the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

⁴ Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt; that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man dwelt? ⁷ And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and ⁸ made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the ²rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead. For pass over to the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently; and see ¹¹ if there hath been such a thing. Hath a nation changed their gods, which yet are no gods? but my people have changed their glory ¹² for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

¹ Or,
concerning

² Heb.
shepherds.

For my people have committed two evils; ¹³ they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Is Israel ¹⁴ a servant? is he a homeborn *slave*? why is he become a prey? The young lions have roared ¹⁵ upon him, and 'yelled: and they have made his land waste; his cities are burned up without inhabitant. The children also of Noph and Tah- ¹⁶ panhes have ²broken the crown of thy head. Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in ¹⁷ that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way? And now ¹⁸ what hast thou to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of ³Shihor? or what hast thou to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of ⁴the River? Thine own wickedness shall ¹⁹ correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts. For of ²⁰ old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not ⁵serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree thou didst bow thyself, playing the harlot. Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly ²¹ a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with lye, ²² and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God. How canst thou say, I am not defiled, I ²³ have not gone after the Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift ⁶dromedary traversing her ways; a ²⁴ wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in her desire; in her occasion who

¹ Heb. *gave out their voice.*

² Or, *fed on*

³ That is, the Nile.

⁴ That is, the Euphrates.

⁵ Another reading is, *transgress.*

⁶ Or, *young camel*

can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall
25 find her. Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers,
26 and after them will I go. As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and
27 their priests, and their prophets; which say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say,
28 Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

¹ Another reading is, *us*.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.
30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no ²correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? or a land of thick darkness? wherefore say my people, We are broken loose; we will come no
32 more unto thee? Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people
33 have forgotten me days without number. How trimmest thou thy way to seek love! therefore the wicked women hast thou **even** taught thy
34 ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: ³I have not found it 'at ⁴the place of breaking in, but upon
35 'all these. Yet thou saidst, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgement with thee, because thou

² Or, *instruction*

³ Or, *thou didst not find them*

⁴ Or, *in a secret place*
Or, *by secret search*

⁵ See Exod. xxii. 2.

⁶ Some ancient authorities have, *every oak*.

sayest, I have not sinned. Why gaddest thou ³⁶ about so much to change thy way? thou shalt be ashamed of Egypt also, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. From him also shalt thou go forth, ³⁷ with thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

¹ Heb. *Saying.* ¹ They say, If a man put away his wife, and she ¹ **3**

go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; ² yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Lift up thine eyes unto the bare ² heights, and see; where hast thou not been lien with? By the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showers have been ³ withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; yet thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. Wilt thou not from this time ⁴ cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? Will he retain *his anger* for ever? ⁵ will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou ³ hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast ⁴ had thy way.

³ Or, *hast spoken thus, but hast done &c.*

⁴ Heb. *been able.*

Moreover the LORD said unto me in the days ⁶ of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

⁵ Or, *And I said, After she hath done all these things, she &c.* ⁵ And I said after she had done all these things, ⁷ ⁶ She will return unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And ⁸

⁶ Or, *Return unto me*

⁷ Some ancient authorities have, *she saw,*

⁷ I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she

- 9 also went and played the harlot. And it came to pass that through the lightness of her whoredom, she polluted the land, and committed
 10 adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but
 11 feignedly, saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath shewn herself
 12 more righteous than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; I will not ¹look in anger upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, I will not
 13 keep *anger* for ever. Only ²acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.
 14 Return, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I
 15 will bring you to Zion: and I will give you shepherds according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they ³visit it; neither ⁴shall *that*
 17 be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of
 18 their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk ⁵with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the

¹ Heb. *cause my countenance to fall.*

² Or, *know*

³ Or, *miss*

⁴ Or, *shall it be made any more*

⁵ Or, *to*

north to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers. But I said, How^e shall I 19 put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, ¹a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations? and I said, ²Ye shall call me, My father; and shall not turn away from following me. Surely as a wife treacherously departeth 20 from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD. A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the 21 weeping *and* the supplications of the children of Israel; for that they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the LORD their God. Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your 22 backslidings. Behold, we are come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God. Truly in vain 23 *is the help that is looked for* from the hills, the ³tumult upon the mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. But the 24 ⁴shameful thing hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us 25 lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day: and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, 1 4 unto me shalt thou return: and ⁵if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not be removed; and thou shalt 2 swear, As the LORD liveth, in truth, in judgement, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah 3 and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise your- 4

¹ Or, *the goodliest heritage of the nations*

² Another reading is, *Thou shalt &c. and shalt not &c.*

³ Or, *noisy throng*

⁴ Heb. *shame*. See ch. xi. 13.

⁵ Or, *if thou wilt put...and wilt not wander, and shalt swear...then shall the nations &c.*

- selves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of
 5 the evil of your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fenced
 6 cities. Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety, stay not: for I will bring evil from the
 7 north, and a great destruction. A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place; to make thy land desolate, that thy cities be laid
 8 waste without inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.
 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.
 10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword
 11 reacheth unto the soul. At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan,
 12 nor to cleanse; ¹a full wind from these shall come for me: now will I also ²utter judgements
 13 against them. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe
 14 unto us! for we are spoiled. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts
 15 lodge within thee? For ³a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil from mount Ephraim:

¹ Or, a wind too strong for this

² See i. 16.

³ Or, there is a voice of one that declareth &c.

make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish ¹⁶ against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. As keepers of a field are they ¹⁷ against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. Thy way and thy doings have procured these ¹⁸ things unto thee; this is thy wickedness; ¹for it is bitter, ¹for it reacheth unto thine heart.

¹ Or, *surely*

² Or, according to another reading, *I will wait patiently*

³ Or, *I am pained! The walls of my heart!*

⁴ Or, as otherwise read, *my soul heareth*

My bowels, my bowels! ²⁰I am pained at my ¹⁹ very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because ⁴thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; ²⁰ for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear ²¹ the sound of the trumpet? For my people is ²² foolish, they know me not; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

⁵ Gen. i. 2.

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was ⁵waste and ²³ void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, ²⁴ and all the hills ⁶moved to and fro. I beheld, ²⁵ and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, ²⁶ the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* before his fierce anger. For ²⁷ thus saith the LORD, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens ²⁸ above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. The whole ²⁹ city fleeth for the noise of the horsemen and

⁶ Or, *moved lightly*

⁷ Or, *Carmel*

- bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and
 30 *spoiled* not a man dwelleth therein. And thou, when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou
 1 enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost ^{1 Heb. rendest.} thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers despise thee,
 31 they seek thy life. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! for my soul fainteth before the murderers.
- 5 1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh
 2 truth; and I will pardon her. And though they say, As the LORD liveth; surely they ^{2 Or, faithfulness}
 3 swear falsely. O LORD, ^{3 Heb. are not thine eyes upon.} do not thine eyes look upon ²truth? thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou hast consumed them,
 but they have refused to receive ⁴correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock;
 4 they have refused to return. Then I said, Surely these are poor: they are foolish; for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the
 5 judgement of their God: I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of the LORD, and the judgement of their God. But these with one accord have
 6 broken the yoke, and burst the bands. Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the ⁵evenings shall spoil them, a leopard ^{5 Or, deserts} shall watch over their cities, every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their

backslidings are increased. How can I pardon 7 thee? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had ¹fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses ²in the morn- 8 ing: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith 9 the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

¹ Or, according to another reading, made them swear

² Or, roaming at large

Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but 10 make not a full end: take away her branches: for they are not the LORD'S. For the house of 11 Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. They 12 have denied the LORD, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: and the prophets 13 shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. Wherefore 14 thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Lo, I will bring a 15 nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is ³a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they 16 are all mighty men. And they shall eat up 17 thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall ⁴beat down thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustest, with the sword. But even in those days, saith 18 the LORD, I will not make a full end with you. And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, 19

³ Or, an enduring nation

⁴ Or, impoverish

Wherefore hath the LORD our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

- 20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and
21 publish it in Judah, saying, Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and
22 hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD:

will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea,¹ by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can

- 23 they not pass over it. But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that reserveth unto us the appointed
25 weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have
26 withholden good from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch
27 men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become
28 great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness: they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless,² yet ~~they prosper~~; and the
29 right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

- 30 ³A wonderful and horrible thing is come to
31 pass in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule ⁴by their means; and

¹ Or, an everlasting ordinance, which it cannot pass

² Or, that they should prosper
Or, that they may prosper

³ Or, Astonishment and horror

⁴ Or, at their hands

my people love to have it so ; and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Flee for safety, ye children of Benjamin, out 1 6
of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet
in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth-hac-
cherem : for evil hath looked forth from the
north, and a great destruction. The comely 2
and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I
cut off. Shepherds with their flocks shall come 3
unto her ; they shall pitch their tents against
her round about ; they shall feed every one in
his place. ¹Prepare ye war against her ; arise, 4
and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us ! for
the day declineth, for the shadows of the even-
ing are stretched out. Arise, and let us go up 5
by night, and let us destroy her palaces. For 6
thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down
²trees, and cast up a mount against Jerusalem :
this is the city to be visited ; she is wholly op-
pression in the midst of her. As a well ³casteth 7
forth her waters, so she ³casteth forth her wicked-
ness : violence and spoil is heard in her ; before
me continually is sickness and wounds. Be 8
thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my *mind* be
alienated from thee ; lest I make thee a desola-
tion, a land not inhabited.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall 9
thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a
vine : turn again thine hand as a grapegatherer
⁴into the baskets. To whom shall I speak and 10
testify, that they may hear ? behold, their ear is
uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken : be-
hold, the word of the LORD is become unto them
a reproach ; they have no delight in it. There- 11
fore I am full of the fury of the LORD ; I am
weary with holding in : pour it out upon the
children in the street, and upon the assembly of
young men together : for even the husband with

¹ Heb.
Sanctify.

² Or, as other-
wise read, *her*
trees

³ Or, *keepeth*
fresh

⁴ Or, *upon the*
shoots

the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that
 12 is full of days. And their houses shall be turned
 unto others, their fields and their wives together:
 for I will stretch out my hand upon the inha-
 13 bitants of the land, saith the LORD. For from
 the least of them even unto the greatest of them
 every one is given to covetousness; and from
 the prophet even to the priest every one deal-
 14 eth falsely. They have healed also the ¹hurt
 of ²my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace;
 15 when there is no peace. ³Were they ashamed
 when they had committed abomination? nay,
 they were not at all ashamed, neither could they
 blush: therefore they shall fall among them that
 fall: at the time that I visit them they shall ⁴be
 cast down, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, breach

² Another reading is the daughter of my people, as in viii. 11, 21.

³ Or, They were put to shame because they had committed abomination, yet were they not &c.

⁴ Or, stumble

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways
 and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the
 good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find
 rest for your souls: but they said, We will not
 17 walk *therein*. And I set watchmen over you,
saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet;
 18 but they said, We will not hearken. Therefore
 hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation,
 19 what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold,
 I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit
 of their thoughts, because they have not heark-
 ened unto my words; and as for my law, they
 20 have rejected it. To what purpose cometh
 there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the
 sweet ⁵cane from a far country? your burnt-
 offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices
 21 pleasing unto me. Therefore thus saith the
 LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before
 this people; and the fathers and the sons to-
 gether shall stumble against them; the neighbour
 and his friend shall perish.

⁵ Or, calamus

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh

from the north country, and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. They lay hold on bow and spear; they ²³ are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses; every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Zion. We have ²⁴ heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. Go not forth into the field, ²⁵ nor walk by the way; for *there is* the sword of the enemy, *and* terror on every side. O daughter ²⁶ of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son; most bitter lamentation; for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. I ²⁷ have made thee a ¹ tower *and* a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try their way. They are all grievous revolters, ²⁸ going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. The ²⁹ bellows ² blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away. Refuse silver ³⁰ shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

¹ Or, *trier*

² Or, *are burned*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the ¹ LORD, saying, Stand in the gate of the LORD's ² house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ³ Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not ⁴ in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend ⁵ your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly

execute judgement between a man and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even for evermore.

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye have not known, and come and stand before me in this house, ¹which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that ye may do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I even I have seen it, saith the LORD. But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not: therefore will I do unto the house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to

¹ Heb. *whereupon my name is called.*

make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke me ¹⁹ to anger? saith the LORD; *do they* not *provoke* themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, ²⁰ mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of ²¹ Israel: Add your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. For I spake not unto ²² your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices: but this ²³ thing I commanded them, saying, Harken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, ²⁴ but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your ²⁵ fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they hearkened not unto me, nor ²⁶ inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers. And thou ²⁷ shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. And ²⁸ thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation that hath not hearkened to the voice of the LORD their God, nor received ¹instruction: ²truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

¹ Or, *correction*

² Or, *faithfulness*

- 29 Cut off ¹thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast ¹ Heb. *thy crown*.
 it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. For the
 30 children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by
 31 my name, to defile it. And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not, neither came it into my ² Heb. *heart*.² mind.
 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, ³ Or, *because there shall be no place else*.³ till there be no place to bury.
 33 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall ~~fray~~ them
 34 away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride: for the land shall become a waste.
 8 ¹ At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of
 2 their graves: and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the

face of the earth. And death shall be chosen 3
 rather than life by all the residue that remain of
 this evil family, which remain in all the places
 whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of
 hosts. Moreover thou shalt say unto them, 4
 Thus saith the LORD; Shall men fall, and not
 rise up again? shall one turn away, and not
 return? Why then is this people of Jerusalem 5
 sliddden back by a perpetual backsliding? they
 hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I 6
 hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright:
 no man repenteth him of his wickedness, saying,
 What have I done? every one ¹turneth to his
 course, as a horse that rusheth headlong in the
 battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth 7
 her appointed times; and the turtle and the
 swift and the crane observe the time of their
 coming; but my people know not the ²ordinance
 of the LORD. How do ye say, We are wise, 8
 and the law of the LORD is with us? But, be-
 hold, ³the false pen of the scribes hath made *of it*
 falsehood. The wise men are ashamed, they 9
 are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected
 the word of the LORD; and what manner of
 wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their 10
 wives unto others, and their fields to them that
 shall possess them: for every one from the least
 even unto the greatest is given to covetousness,
 from the prophet even unto the priest every
 one dealeth falsely. And they have healed 11
 the hurt of the daughter of my people lightly,
 saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.
 Were they ashamed when they had committed 12
 abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed,
 neither could they blush: therefore shall they
 fall among them that fall: in the time of their
 visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.
 I will utterly consume them, saith the LORD: 13

¹ Or, turneth
 away in his
 course

² Or,
 judgement

³ Or, the vain
 pen of the
 scribes hath
 wrought in
 vain

- there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and ¹*the things that* I have given them shall pass away ¹ Or, *I have appointed them those that shall pass over them*
- 14 from them. Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us ²be silent there: for the LORD our God hath ³put us to silence, and given us water of ⁴gall to drink, because we ² Or, *perish* ³ Or, *caused us to perish*
- 15 have sinned against the LORD. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of ⁴ See Deut. xxix. 18.
- 16 healing, and behold dismay! The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembleth; for they are come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city, and those
- 17 that dwell therein. For, behold, I will send serpents, basilisks, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.
- 18 Oh that I could comfort myself against
- 19 sorrow! my heart is faint within me. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people ⁵from a land that is very far off: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? ⁵ Or, *because of*
- Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?
- 20 The harvest is past, the ⁶summer is ended, and ⁶ Or, *in-gathering of summer-fruits*
- 21 we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am ⁷black; astonish- ⁷ Or, *mourning*
- 22 ment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the ⁸health of the daughter of my people ⁸ Or, *healing* ⁹ Or, *perfected* ¹⁰ Heb. *gone up.*
- 9 1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my
- 2 people! ¹⁰ Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might leave ¹⁰ Or, *Oh that I were in the wilderness, in d.c. & h. ix. 1. in Heb.*

my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. And they bend their tongue as it were their ³ bow for falsehood; and they are grown strong in the land, but not for ¹truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. Take ye heed every one of his ⁴ neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will go about with slanders. And they will ²deceive every one his neigh- ⁵bour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Thine ⁶habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, faithful-
ness

² Or, mock

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, ⁷ Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how *else* should I do, because of the daughter of my people? Their tongue is a deadly ⁸ arrow; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. Shall I not ⁹ visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

For the mountains will I take up a weep- ¹⁰ ing and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none ~~can~~ pass through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled, they are gone. And I will make ¹¹ Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant. Who is the wise man, ¹² that may understand this? and *who is* he to

whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none can pass through?

13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked

14 therein; but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim,

15 which their fathers taught them: therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of ¹gall to

16 drink. I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the cunning women,

18 that they may come: and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out

19 with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because ²they have cast down our dwellings.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every

21 one her neighbour lamentation. For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from without,

22 and the young men from the streets. Speak, Thus saith the LORD, The carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather *them*.

¹ See ch. viii.

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² Or, *our dwellings have cast us out*

Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise ²³ man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth ²⁴ glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving-kindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, ²⁵ that I will punish all them which are circumcised in *their* uncircumcision; Egypt, and ²⁶ Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners *of their hair* polled, that dwell in the wilderness: for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh ¹ ¹⁰ unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the ² LORD, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the ³customs ³ of the peoples are vanity: for ²one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with ⁴ silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are like ⁵ a ³palm tree of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good. There is ⁶ none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would ⁷ not fear thee, O King of the nations? for ⁴to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee. But ⁸ they are ⁵together brutish and foolish: ⁶the

¹ Heb. *statutes*.

² Or, *it is but a tree which one cutteth*

³ Or, *pillar in a garden of cucumbers*  See Baruch vi. 70.

⁴ Or, *it becometh thee*

⁵ Or, *through one thing*

⁶ Or, *it is a doctrine of vanities*

9 instruction of idols, it is but a stock. There is silver beaten into plates which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from ¹Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all
 10 the work of cunning men. But Jehovah is ²the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.

¹ According to some ancient versions, *Ophir*.

² Or, *God in truth*

11 ³Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth,⁴ these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.

³ This verse is in the Aramaic language.

⁴ Or, *they shall...under these heavens*

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the
 13 heavens: ⁵when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

⁵ Or, *at the sound of his giving an abundance of waters &c... when he causeth &c. or, he causeth &c.*

14 Every man ⁶is become brutish *and is* without knowledge: every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image: for his molten image is false-

⁶ Or, *is too brutish to know*

15 hood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, a work of ⁷delusion: in the time of
 16 their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.

⁷ Or, *mockery*

17 Gather up ⁸thy wares out of the land, ⁹O thou that abidest in the siege. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will
 19 distress them, that they may ¹⁰feel it. Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is *my* ¹¹grief, and I must bear it.

⁸ Or, *thy bundle from the ground*

⁹ Or, *O inhabitant of the fortress*

¹⁰ Heb. *find*.

¹¹ Or, *sickness*

My tent is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: 20
 my children are gone forth of me, and they are
 not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any
 more, and to set up my curtains. For the 21
 shepherds are become brutish, and have not
 inquired of the LORD: therefore they have not
 prospered, and all their flocks are scattered.
 The voice of a rumour, behold it cometh, and a 22
 great commotion out of the north country, to
 make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling-
 place of jackals. O LORD, I know that the 23
 way of man is not in himself: it is not in man
 that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, 24
 correct me, but with judgement; not in thine
 anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Pour 25
 out thy fury upon the nations that know thee
 not, and upon the families that call not on thy
 name: for they have devoured Jacob, yea, they
 have devoured him and consumed him, and
 have laid waste his habitation.

¹ Or, *dealt*
wisely

² Heb.
diminish me.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, 11
 saying, Hear ye the words of this
 covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah,
 and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say
 thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God
 of Israel; Cursed be the man that heareth not
 the words of this covenant, which I commanded
 your fathers in the day that I brought them
 forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron
 furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them,
 according to all which I command you: so shall
 ye be my people, and I will be your God: that
 I may establish the oath which I sware unto
 your fathers, to give them a land flowing with
 milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered
 I, and said, Amen, O LORD.

And the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all
 these words in the cities of Judah, and in the

streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words
 7 of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly
 protested unto your fathers in the day that I
 brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even
 unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying,
 8 Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor
 inclined their ear, but walked every one in the
 stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I
 brought upon them all the words of this
 covenant, which I commanded them to do, but
 they did them not.

9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy
 is found among the men of Judah, and among
 10 the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned
 back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which
 refused to hear my words; and they are gone
 after other gods to serve them: the house of
 Israel and the house of Judah have broken
 my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will
 bring evil upon them, which they shall not be
 able to escape; and they shall cry unto me, but

12 I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the
 cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 go and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer
 incense: but they shall not save them at all

13 in the time of their ¹trouble. For according to
 the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah;
 and according to the number of the streets of
 Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the ²shameful
 thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither
 lift up cry nor prayer for them: for I will not
 hear them in the time that they cry unto me
³for their ⁴trouble.

15 ⁵What hath my beloved to do in mine house,
 seeing she hath wrought lewdness *with* many,
 and the holy flesh is passed from thee? ⁶when

¹ Heb. *evil*.

² Heb.
shame.
 ch. iii. 24.

³ Many ancient
 authorities
 have, *in the*
time of.

⁴ Heb. *evil*.

⁵ The text is
 obscure. The
 LXX. renders
 thus: *Why*
hath the be-
loved wrought
abomination
in my house?
Shalt vows
and holy flesh
take away from
thee thy
wickednesses,
or shalt thou
escape by these?

⁶ Or,
when thine
evil cometh

thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. The LORD ¹⁶ called thy name, A green olive tree, fair with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. For the LORD of hosts, that ¹⁷ planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have wrought for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense unto Baal.

And the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and ¹⁸ I knew it: then thou shewedst me their doings.

¹ Or, a gentle lamb that &c.

But I was like ¹⁹ a lamb or an ox that is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had

² Heb. bread.

devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the ²⁰ fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. But,

O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause. Therefore thus saith the ²¹ LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, that

seek thy life, saying, Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand: therefore thus saith the LORD of ²² hosts, Behold, I will ³ punish them: the young

³ Heb. visit upon.

men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine: and there shall ²³ be no remnant unto them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, ⁴ even the year of their visitation.

⁴ Or, in the year

Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead ¹²

with thee: yet would I ⁵ reason the case with thee: wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted ² them, yea, they have taken root; they grow,

⁵ Heb. speak judgements.

yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in
3 their mouth, and far from their reins. But thou,
O LORD, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest
mine heart toward thee: pull them out like
4 sheep for the slaughter, and ^{1 Heb. sanctify.} prepare them for
the day of slaughter. How long shall the land
mourn, and the herbs of the whole country
wither? for the wickedness of them that dwell
therein, the beasts are consumed, and the birds;
because they said, He shall not see our latter
5 end. If thou hast run with the footmen, and
they have wearied thee, then how canst thou
contend with horses? and though in a land of
peace thou art secure, yet how wilt thou do in
6 the ^{2 Or, swelling} pride of Jordan? For even thy brethren,
and the house of thy father, even they have
dealt treacherously with thee; ~~yea~~, they have
cried aloud after thee: believe them not, though
they speak ^{3 Heb. good things.} fair words unto thee.

7 I have forsaken mine house, I have cast off
mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved
8 of my soul into the hand of her enemies. Mine
heritage is become unto me as a lion in the
forest: she hath uttered her voice against me;
9 therefore I have hated her. Is mine heritage
unto me as a speckled bird of prey? are the
birds of prey against her round about? go ye,
assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them
10 to devour. Many shepherds have destroyed
my vineyard, they have trodden my portion
under foot, they have made my pleasant por-
11 tion a desolate wilderness. They have made it
a desolation; it mourneth unto me being deso-
late; the whole land is made desolate, because
12 no man layeth it to heart. Spoilers are come
upon all the bare heights in the wilderness: for
the sword of the LORD devoureth from the one
end of the land even to the other end of the

¹ Or, *be ye
ashamed*
Or, *they shall
be ashamed*

land: no flesh hath peace. They have sown ¹³
wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put
themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and ¹ye
shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the
fierce anger of the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil ¹⁴
neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I
have caused my people Israel to inherit; Be-
hold, I will pluck them up from off their land,
and will pluck up the house of Judah from
among them. And it shall come to pass, after ¹⁵
that I have plucked them up, I will return and
have compassion on them; and I will bring them
again, every man to his heritage, and every man
to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they ¹⁶
will diligently learn the ways of my people, to
swear by my name, As the LORD liveth; even
as they taught my people to swear by Baal;
then shall they be built up in the midst of my
people. But if they will not hear, then will I ¹⁷
pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying
it, saith the LORD.

Thus said the LORD unto me, Go and buy ¹ **13**
thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins,
and put it not in water. So I bought a girdle ²
according to the word of the LORD, and put it
upon my loins. And the word of the LORD ³
came unto me the second time, saying, Take ⁴
the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon
thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide
it there in a hole of the rock. So I went, and ⁵
hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded
me. And it came to pass after many days, that ⁶
the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates,
and take the girdle from thence, which I com-
manded thee to hide there. Then I went to ⁷
Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from
the place where I had hid it: and, behold,

the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear. Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Every ¹bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not know that every ¹bottle shall be filled with wine? Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit ²upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before ³he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the ⁴dark mountains; and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for *your* pride; and mine

¹ Or, jar² Heb. for David upon his throne.³ Or, it grew dark⁴ Heb. mountains of twilight.

eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is taken captive. Say ¹⁸ thou unto the king and to the queen-mother, ¹ Humble yourselves, sit down: for your head-tires are come down, even ² the crown of your glory. The cities of the South are shut up, ¹⁹ and there is none to open them: Judah is carried away captive all of it, it is wholly carried away captive.

Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come ²⁰ from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? ³ What wilt thou ²¹ say, when he shall set *thy* friends over thee as head, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee? shall not sorrows take hold of thee, as of a woman in travail? And if thou say in ²² thine heart, Wherefore are these things come upon me? For the ⁴ greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels suffer ⁵ violence. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, ²³ or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are ⁶ accustomed to do evil. There- ²⁴ fore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away, ⁷ by the wind of the wilderness. This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee ²⁵ from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. There- ²⁶ fore will I also discover thy skirts ⁸ upon thy face, and thy shame shall appear. I have seen ²⁷ thine abominations, even thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah ¹ 14 concerning the drought. Judah mourneth, and ² the gates thereof languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is

¹ Or, *Sit ye down low*

² Or, *your beautiful crown*

³ Or, *What wilt thou say, when he shall visit thee? seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee, even thy friends to be head over thee*

⁴ Or, *multitude*

⁵ Or, *insult*

⁶ Heb. *taught*.

⁷ Or, *unto*

⁸ Or, *before*

- 3 gone up. And their nobles send their ¹little ones ²to the waters: they come to the pits, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty: they are ashamed and confounded, and
- 4 cover their heads. Because of the ground which is ³chapt, for that no rain hath been in the land, the plowmen are ashamed, they cover
- 5 their heads. Yea, the hind also in the field calveth, and forsaketh *her young*, because there
- 6 is no grass. And the wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like ⁴jackals; ⁵Or, *the crocodile* their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.
- 7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work thou, for thy name's sake, O LORD: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against
- 8 thee. O thou hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that ⁶turneth aside to tarry for a night? ⁷Or, *spreadeth his tent*
- 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.
- 10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore the LORD doth not accept them; now will he remember their
- 11 iniquity, and visit their sins. And the LORD said unto me, Pray not for this people for *their*
- 12 good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine,
- 13 and by the pestilence. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you ⁸assured peace in ⁹Heb. *peace of truth.*
- 14 this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The

prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the ¹⁵ prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people ¹⁶ to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. And thou shalt say this word ¹⁷ unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous wound. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain ¹⁸ with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold ¹ them that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest ² go about ³ in the land and have no knowledge.

¹ Heb. *the sicknesses of famine.*

² Or, *traffic*

³ Or, *into a land that they know not*

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy ¹⁹ soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold dismay! We ⁴ acknowledge, ²⁰ O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. Do not abhor *us*, for thy name's sake; do not ²¹ disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. Are there any ²² among the vanities of the ~~nations~~ that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we

⁴ Or, *know*

will wait upon thee; for thou hast made all these things.

- 15 ¹ Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my
² sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine;
³ and such as are for captivity, to captivity. And I will appoint over them four ¹kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to ²tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of
⁴ the earth, to devour and to destroy. And I will cause them to be ³tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for
⁵ that which he did in Jerusalem. For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall turn aside to ask of
⁶ thy welfare? Thou hast rejected me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and de-
⁷ stroyed thee; I am weary with repenting. And I have fanned them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved *them* of children, I have destroyed my people; they have not re-
⁸ turned from their ways. Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them ⁴against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her suddenly. She that hath borne seven languish-
⁹ eth; she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day; she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of

¹ Heb. families.

² Heb. drag.

³ Or, a terror.
~~undo~~

⁴ Or, against the mother and the young men
 Or, against the mother a young man spoiling &c.

them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne ¹⁰ me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent on usury, neither have men lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me. The LORD said, ¹¹ Verily ¹I will ²release thee for good; verily ³I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

¹ The Vulgate has, *thy remnant shall be for good.*

² Another reading is, *strengthen.*

³ Or, *I will intercede for thee with the enemy*

⁴ Or, *Can iron break iron from &c.*

⁵ Or, *I will make thine enemies to pass into &c.*

According to some ancient authorities, *I will make thee to serve thine enemies in a land &c.*
See xvii. 4.

⁴Can one break iron, even iron from the ¹² north, and brass? Thy substance and thy treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. And ⁵I will make *them* to pass with thine ¹⁴ enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and ¹⁵ visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach. Thy ¹⁶ words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. I sat not in the assembly ¹⁷ of them that make merry, nor rejoiced: I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful *brook*, as waters that ¹⁸ fail?

⁶ Heb.
are not sure.

Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou re- ¹⁹ turn, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee; but thou

- 20 shalt not return unto them. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.
- 16 ¹ The word of the LORD came also unto me, ² saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. ³ For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that ⁴ begat them in this land: They shall die ¹of ^{¹ Heb. *deaths of sicknesses.*} grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of ⁵ heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even loving- ⁶ kindness and tender mercies. Both great and small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for ⁷ them: neither shall men ²break *bread* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; ^{² See Is. lviii.} ⁷ neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. ⁸ And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place,

before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. And ¹⁰ it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? then shalt ¹¹ thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; and ye have done ¹² evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me: therefore will I cast you forth out of this land ¹³ into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; ¹for I will shew you no favour.

¹ Or, *where*

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ¹⁴ LORD, that it shall no more be said, As the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As the ¹⁵ LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for ¹⁶ many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all ¹⁷ their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine

18 eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; ¹because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled mine inheritance with

19 their abominations. O LORD, my strength, and my strong hold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, *even* vanity and

20 things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make unto himself gods, which yet are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

17 1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the 2 horns of ²your altars; whilst their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green 3 trees upon the high hills. O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, and thy high places, because 4 of sin, throughout all thy borders. And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith the LORD: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and 6 whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like ³the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land 7 and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose ⁴hope the LORD 8 is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the

¹ Or, because they have polluted my land: they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable things and their abominations

² Another reading is, their.

³ Or, a bare tree—Or, one destitute

⁴ Heb. trust.

¹ According to another reading, *see*.

waters, and that spreadeth out his roots by the river, and shall not ¹fear when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all ⁹ things, and it is desperately sick: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, ¹⁰ even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. As the ¹¹ partridge ²that gathereth *young* which she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days ³they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

Or, sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid

Or, he shall leave them

A glorious throne, *set* on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the ¹³ hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed; they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, ¹⁴ O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. Behold, ¹⁵ they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd after thee; ¹⁶ neither have I desired ⁴the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face. Be not a terror unto me: thou ¹⁷ art my refuge in the day of evil. Let them be ¹⁸ ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be ashamed; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and ¹⁹destroy them with double destruction.

⁴ Heb. break them with a double braach.

⁵ Or, the common people. See xxvi. 23.

Thus said the LORD unto me: Go and stand ¹⁹ in the gate of ⁵the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say unto them, Hear ye the ²⁰ word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all

Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 21 that enter in by these gates; thus saith the
 LORD: Take heed ¹to yourselves, and bear no
 burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by ¹Or, for your
 22 the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a ^{life's sake}
 burden out of your houses on the sabbath day,
 neither do ye any work: but hallow ye the
 sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers;
 23 but they hearkened not, neither inclined their
 ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might
 not hear, and might not receive instruction.
 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hear-
 ken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no
 burden through the gates of the city on the
 sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to
 25 do no work therein; then shall there enter in by
 the gates of this city kings and princes sitting
 upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and
 on horses, they, and their princes, the men of
 Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and
 26 this city shall ²remain for ever. And they shall ²Or, be in-
 come from the cities of Judah, and from the ^{habited}
 places round about Jerusalem, and from the land
 of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from
 the mountains, and from the South, bringing
 burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and oblations, and
 frankincense, and bringing *sacrifices of thanks-*
 27 giving, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye
 will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath
 day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at
 the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then
 will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it
 shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it
 shall not be quenched.

18 ¹ The word which came to Jeremiah from the
² LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's
 house, and there I will cause thee to hear my
³ words. Then I went down to the potter's

house, and, behold, he wrought his work on the wheels. And when the vessel that he made of 4 the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Then the word of the LORD came to me, 5 saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you 6 as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I 7 shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; if that nation, concerning which 8 I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And 9 at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my 10 voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. Now therefore 11 go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. But they say, There is 12 no hope: for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ask ye now 13 among the nations, who hath heard such things; the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the 14 rock of the field? *or* shall the cold waters ¹that flow down from afar be ²dried up? For my 15 people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths,

¹ Or, of strange lands that flow down be &c.

² Or, p.ucked up

be. red

- 16 to walk in by-paths, in a way not cast up; to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will look upon their back, and not their face, in the day of their calamity.
- 18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.
- 19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy fury from them. Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, *and* their young men smitten of the sword in battle. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight: but let them be ¹overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.
- 19 ¹ Thus said the LORD, Go and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of ²the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee:

¹ Heb. *made to stumble.*

² Or, *the gate of potters.*

and say, Hear ye the word, of the LORD, O kings 3
of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the
which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.
Because they have forsaken me, and have es- 4
tranged this place, and have burned incense in
it unto other gods, whom they knew not, they
and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and
have filled this place with the blood of innocents: //
and have built the high places of Baal, to burn 5
their sons in the fire for burnt-offerings unto
Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it,
neither came it into my mind: therefore, behold, 6
the days come, saith the LORD, that this place
shall no more be called Topheth, nor The
valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of
Slaughter. And I will ¹make void the counsel 7
of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I
will cause them to fall by the sword before their
enemies, and by the hand of them that seek
their life: and their carcases will I give to be
meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the
beasts of the earth. And I will make this city 8
an astonishment, and an hissing; every one that
passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss
because of all the plagues thereof. And I will 9
cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the
flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every
one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in
the straitness, wherewith their enemies, and
they that seek their life, shall straiten them.
Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of 10
the men that go with thee, and shalt say unto 11
them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Even so
will I break this people and this city, as one
breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made
whole again: and they shall bury in Topheth,

¹ Heb. *empty*
out.

12 ¹till there be no place to bury. Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth: and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said
15 to all the people: Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they might not hear my words.

20 ¹ Now Pashhur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD,
² heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the LORD.

³ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashhur, but ²Magor-missabib. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

⁵ Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings

¹ Or, because there shall be no place else

² That is, Terror on every side.

of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

¹ Or, *enticed*

O LORD, thou hast ¹deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am become a laughingstock all the day, every one mocketh me. For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and spoil: because the word of the LORD is made a reproach unto me, and a derision, all the day. And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in mine heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot *contain*. For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. Denounce, and we will denounce him, say all my familiar friends, they that watch for my halting; peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. But the LORD is with me as a mighty one *and* a terrible: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed, because they have not ²dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonour which shall never be forgotten. But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, that seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

² Or, *prospered*

Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers. Cursed be the day

- wherein I was born: let not the day wherein
15 my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be
the man who brought tidings to my father,
saying, A man child is born unto thee; making
16 him very glad. And let that man be as the
cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented
not: and let him hear a cry in the morning,
17 and ¹shouting at noontide; because he slew me <sup>1 Or,
an alarm</sup>
not from the womb; and so my mother should
have been my grave, and her womb always
18 great. Wherefore came I forth out of the
womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days
should be consumed with shame?
- 21 1 The word which came unto Jeremiah from
the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him
Pashhur the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah
2 the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, En-
quire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for
Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war
against us: peradventure the LORD will deal
with us according to all his wondrous works,
that he may go up from us.
- 3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall
4 ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the
weapons of war that are in your hands, where-
with ye fight against the king of Babylon, and
against the Chaldeans which besiege you, with-
out the walls, and I will gather them into the
5 midst of this city. And I myself will fight
against you with an outstretched hand and with
a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and
6 in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabit-
ants of this city, both man and beast: they
7 shall die of a great pestilence. And after-
ward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah
king of Judah, and his servants, and the people,
even such as are left in this city from the

pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. And unto this people ⁸ thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. He that abideth in this city shall die ⁹ by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth away to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. For I have set my face upon this city ¹⁰ for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, ¹¹ hear ye the word of the LORD: O house of ¹² David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgement in the morning, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of ¹your doings. Behold, I ¹³ am against thee, O inhabitress of the valley, ²and of the rock of the plain, saith the LORD; ye which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? And I ¹⁴ will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

Thus said the LORD: Go down to the house ¹ ²² of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of ² Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that

¹ Another reading is, *their*.

² Or, and *rock*

- 3 enter in by these gates. Thus saith the LORD:
Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and
deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the
oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence,
to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow,
4 neither shed innocent blood in this place. For
if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there
enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting
upon the throne of David, riding in chariots
and on horses, he, and his servants, and his
5 people. But if ye will not hear these words, I
swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house
6 shall become a desolation. For thus saith the
LORD ²concerning the house of the king of
Judah: Thou art Gilead unto me, *and* the head
of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a
wilderness, *and* cities which are not inhabited.
7 And I will ³prepare destroyers against thee,
every one with his weapons: and they shall cut
down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the
8 fire. And many nations shall pass by this city,
and they shall say every man to his neighbour,
Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this
9 great city? Then they shall answer, Because
they forsook the covenant of the LORD their
God, and worshipped other gods, and served
them.
10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan
him: but weep sore for him that goeth away;
for he shall return no more, nor see his native
11 country. For thus saith the LORD touching
⁴Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which
reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went
forth out of this place: He shall not return
12 thither any more; but in the place whither
they have led him captive there shall he die,
and he shall see this land no more.
13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by

¹ Heb. *for David upon his throne.*

² Or, *unto*

³ Heb. *sanctify.*

⁴ In 2 Kings xxiii. 30, *Jehoahaz*. Compare 1 Chr. iii. 15.

¹ Or, *viest with the cedar*

unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not his hire; that saith, I will ¹⁴ build me a wide house and spacious chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt ¹⁵ thou reign, because thou ¹strivest to excel in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgement and justice? then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and ¹⁶ needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith the LORD. But thine eyes and thine ¹⁷ heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. Therefore thus saith the ¹⁸ LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah: They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! He shall be buried with the ¹⁹ burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

² Or, *feed upon*

Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up ²⁰ thy voice in Bashan: and cry from Abarim; for all thy lovers are destroyed. I spake unto ²¹ thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. The ²² wind shall ²feed all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. O inhabitress of Lebanon, that makest ²³ thy nest in the cedars, ³how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail! As I live, saith ²⁴ the LORD, though ⁴Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; and I ²⁵

³ Some ancient versions have, *how wilt thou groan.*

⁴ In 2 Kings xxiv. 6, 8, *Jehoiachin*; and in 1 Chr. iii. 16, *Jeco-niah.*

will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of
 26 the Chaldeans. And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto ¹their soul longeth to
 28 return, thither shall they not return. Is this

man Coniah a despised broken ²vessel? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into
 29 the land which they know not? O ³earth, earth,

30 earth, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

23 ¹ Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the

2 LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings,

3 saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and
 4 multiply. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous ⁴Branch, and he shall reign as king and ⁵deal wisely, and shall execute judgement and justice in the
 6 land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and

¹ Heb. *they lift up their soul.*

² Or, *pot*

³ Or, *land*

⁴ Heb. *shoot*, or, *bud.*

⁵ Or, *prosper*

¹ Heb.
Jehovah
tsidkenu.

Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, ¹The LORD is our righteousness. Therefore, behold, the days 7 come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, As the LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, 8 As the LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

² Or, *the curse*

Concerning the prophets. Mine heart within 9 me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome; because of the LORD, and because of his holy words. For the land is full of adul- ¹⁰terers; for because of ²swearing the land mourneth; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up; and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest ¹¹are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore ¹²their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, ³even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. And I have seen folly in the prophets of ¹³Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. But in the prophets ¹⁴of Jerusalem I have seen an horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies, and they strengthen the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

³ Or, *in the year*

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts ¹⁵concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the

water of ¹gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they teach you vanity: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the

17 mouth of the LORD. They say continually unto them ²that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart

18 they say, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the council of the LORD, that he should perceive and hear his word? who

19 hath marked ³my word, and heard it? Behold, the tempest of the LORD, *even his* fury is gone forth, yea, a whirling tempest: it shall burst

20 upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have

⁴executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall ⁵under-

21 stand it perfectly. I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they

22 prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their

23 evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a

24 God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have

26 dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies; even the prophets of the deceit

27 of their own heart? which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their

¹ See viii. 14.² According to the LXX., *that despise the word of the Lord, Ye &c.*³ Another reading is, *his*.⁴ Or, *done it*⁵ Or, *consider*

fathers forgot my name for Baal. The prophet ²⁸ that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as fire? ²⁹ saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, ³⁰ saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the ³¹ prophets, saith the LORD, that 'use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them ³² that prophesy lying dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither shall they profit this people at all, saith the LORD. And when this people, *or* the ³³ prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? then shalt thou ²say unto them, ³What burden! I will cast you off, saith the LORD. And as for ³⁴ the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. Thus shall ye say every one to his neigh- ³⁵bour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD ³⁶ shall ye mention no more: for ⁴every man's own word ⁵shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. Thus shalt thou say to the ³⁷ prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? But if ye ³⁸ say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD: Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you,

¹ Heb. take.

² Or, tell them what the burden is

³ The LXX. and Vulgate have, Ye are the burden.

⁴ Or, the burden shall be for the man of His word

⁵ Or, is his burden, and ye pervert &c.

saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the
 39 LORD; therefore, behold, I will ¹utterly forget
 you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I
 gave unto you and to your fathers, away from
 40 my presence: and I will bring an everlasting re-
 proach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which
 shall not be forgotten.

¹ Or, accord-
 ing to some
 ancient
 authorities, *lift*
you up

24 ¹ The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two
 baskets of figs set before the temple of the
 LORD; after that Nebucadrezzar king of Baby-
 lon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son
 of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of
 Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from
 Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.
 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that
 are first ripe: and the other basket had very bad
 figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.
 3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou,
 Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very
 good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be
 4 eaten, they are so bad. And the word of the
 5 LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the
 LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs,
 so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I
 have sent out of this place into the land of the
 6 Chaldeans, for good. For I will set mine eyes
 upon them for good, and I will bring them
 again to this land: and I will build them, and
 not pull them down; and I will plant them, and
 7 not pluck them up. And I will give them a
 heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and
 they shall be my people, and I will be their
 God: for they shall return unto me with their
 8 whole heart. And as the bad figs, which cannot
 be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus saith the
 LORD, So will I give up Zedekiah the king
 of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of
 Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them

¹ Or, a terror
unto

that dwell in the land of Egypt: I will even ⁹
give them up to be ¹tossed to and fro among
all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be
a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse,
in all places whither I shall drive them. And ¹⁰
I will send the sword, the famine, and the
pestilence, among them, till they be consumed
from off the land that I gave unto them and
to their fathers.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning ¹ **25**
all the people of Judah in the fourth year of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; the
same was the first year of Nebucadrezzar king
of Babylon; the which Jeremiah the prophet ²
spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: From the ³
thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon
king of Judah, even unto this day, these three
and twenty years, the word of the LORD hath
come unto me, and I have spoken unto you,
rising up early and speaking; but ye have not
hearkened. And the LORD hath sent unto you ⁴
all his servants the prophets, rising up early and
sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor
inclined your ear to hear; saying, Return ye ⁵
now every one from his evil way, and from the
evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that
the LORD hath given unto you and to your
fathers, from of old and even for evermore:
and go not after other gods to serve them, ⁶
and to worship them, and provoke me not to
anger with the work of your hands; and I will
do you no hurt. Yet ye have not hearkened ⁷
unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke
me to anger with the work of your hands to
your own hurt. Therefore thus saith the LORD ⁸
of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words,
behold, I will send and take all the families of ⁹

the north, saith the LORD, and *I will send* unto Nebucadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will ¹utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

¹ Heb. *devote*.

10 Moreover I will ²take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of

² Heb. *cause to perish from them*.

11 the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy

12 years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it ³desolate

³ Heb. *everlasting desolations*.

13 for ever. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them, even of them: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.

15 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto me: Take the cup of the wine of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom

16 I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me: *to wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an

astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is
 this day; Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his ¹⁹
 servants, and his princes, and all his people;
 and all the mingled people, and all the kings of ²⁰
 the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of
 the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and
 Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; Edom, and ²¹
 Moab, and the children of Ammon; and all the ²²
 kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and
 the kings of the ¹isle which is beyond the sea;
 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have ²³
 the corners *of their hair* polled; and all the ²⁴
 kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled
 people that dwell in the wilderness; and all the
 kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and ²⁵
 all the kings of the Medes; and all the kings of ²⁶
 the north, far and near, one with another, and all
 the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the
 face of the earth: and the king of ²Sheshach
 shall drink after them. And thou shalt say unto ²⁷
 them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
 of Israel: Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue,
 and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword
 which I will send among you. And it shall ²⁸
 be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand
 to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus
 saith the LORD of hosts: Ye shall surely drink.
 For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city ²⁹
 which is called by my name, and should ye
 be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be un-
 punished: for I will call for a sword upon all
 the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD
 of hosts. Therefore prophesy thou against ³⁰
 them all these words, and say unto them, The
 LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his
 voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily
 roar against his ³fold; he shall give a shout,
 as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the

¹ Or,
coastland

² See ch. li.

⁴¹ Or, *fold*

³ Or, *pasture*

31 inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost

33 parts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.

34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in ashes*, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter are fully come;

35 like a pleasant vessel. And ¹the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of

36 the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling of the principal of

the flock! for the LORD layeth waste their pasture. And the peaceable folds are brought

37 to silence because of the fierce anger of the LORD. He hath forsaken his covert, as the

38 lion: for their land is become an astonishment because of ²the fierceness of the oppressing

sword, and because of his fierce anger.

26 ¹ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word

2 from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and

3 speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words

that I command thee to speak unto them; keep

3 not back a word. It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil

way; that I may repent me of the evil, which

¹ Or, and I will disperse you Or, as other-

wise read, and your dispersions

² Or, as for your dispersions, ye shall even fall &c.

³ Heb. flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escape from &c.

⁴ Or, according to some ancient authorities, the oppressing sword

I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say ⁴ unto them, Thus saith the LORD: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, to hearken to the ⁵ words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; then will ⁶ I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. And the priests and the prophets and all the ⁷ people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And it came to ⁸ pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why ⁹ hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

And when the princes of Judah heard these ¹⁰ things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S *house*. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto ¹¹ the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes ¹² and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your ¹³ doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil

- 14 that he hath pronounced against you. But
as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with
15 me as is good and right in your eyes. Only
know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death,
ye shall bring innocent blood upon your-
selves, and upon this city, and upon the in-
habitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath
sent me unto you to speak all these words in
16 your ears. Then said the princes and all
the people unto the priests and to the prophets:
This man is not worthy of death; for he hath
spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.
17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the
land, and spake to all the assembly of the
18 people, saying, ¹Micaiah the Morashtite pro-
phesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah,
and spake to all the people of Judah, saying,
Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ²Zion shall be
plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become
heaps, and the mountain of the house as the
19 high places of a forest. Did Hezekiah king
of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death?
did he not fear the LORD, and intreat the favour
of the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the
evil which he had pronounced against them?
Thus should we commit great evil against our
20 own souls. And there was also a man that pro-
phesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the
son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-jearim; and he pro-
phesied against this city and against this land
21 according to all the words of Jeremiah: and
when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty
men, and all the princes, heard his words, the
king sought to put him to death; but when
Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and
22 went into Egypt: and Jehoiakim the king
sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the
son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into

¹ Another reading is *Micah*. See Micah i. 1.

² See Micah iii. 12.

Egypt: and they fetched forth Uriah out ²³ of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the ²⁴ common people. But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

¹ Heb. *sons of the people.*

² Properly *Zedekiah*, as in some ancient authorities. See ver. 3, 12, 20. ch. xxviii. 1.

³ See Lev. xxvi. 13.

In the beginning of the reign of ²⁷ Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus ² saith the LORD to me: Make thee bands and ³ bars, and put them upon thy neck; and send ³ them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; and give them a charge unto their masters, ⁴ saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters; I have made the earth, the man and the beast ⁵ that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto me. And ⁶ now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebucadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him. And all the nations ⁷ shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. And it shall come to pass, that ⁸ the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the

- famine, and with the pestilence, until I have
9 consumed them by his hand. But as for you,
hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your
diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your sooth-
sayers, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto
you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of
10 Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you, to
remove you far from your land; and that I
11 should drive you out and ye should perish. But
the nation that shall bring their neck under the
yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him,
that *nation* will I let remain in their own land,
saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell
therein.
- 12 I spake ~~also~~ to Zedekiah king of Judah ac-
cording to all these words, saying, Bring your
necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon,
13 and serve him and his people, and live. Why
will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword,
by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the
LORD hath spoken concerning the nation that
14 will not serve the king of Babylon? And
hearken not unto the words of the prophets
that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve
the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie
15 unto you. For I have not sent them, saith the
LORD, but they prophesy falsely in my name;
that I might drive you out, and that ye might
perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto
16 you. Also I spake to the priests and to all this
people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Harken
not to the words of your prophets that prophesy
unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the
LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again
from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
17 Harken not unto them; serve the king of
Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city
18 become a desolation? But if they be prophets,

and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the 19 pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, which Nebu- 20 cadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of 21 Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: They shall be 22 carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

And it came to pass the same year, in the 1 **28** beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, Thus speaketh the 2 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within 3 two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: and I 4 will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went to Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood
6 in the house of the LORD, even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon unto this place. Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in
8 the ears of all the people: The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of
9 pestilence. The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known,
10 ¹that the LORD hath truly sent him. Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off
11 the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jeremiah
12 went his way. Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of
13 the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast broken the bars of wood; but thou ²shalt
14 make in their stead bars of iron. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the
15 field also. Then said the prophet Jeremiah

¹ Or, whom the LORD hath truly sent

² Or, makest

unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Haniah ; The LORD hath not sent thee ; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore 16 thus saith the LORD ; Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth : this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet 17 died the same year in the seventh month.

Now these are the words of the letter that 1 29 Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebucadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon : (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen- 2 mother, and the eunuchs, *and* the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem ;) by 3 the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon) saying, Thus saith the 4 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem unto Babylon : Build ye houses, and dwell in them ; and plant 5 gardens, and eat the fruit of them ; take ye 6 wives, and beget sons and daughters ; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters ; and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. And seek the peace of the city 7 whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it : for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus 8 saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel : Let not your prophets that be in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you, neither hearken

- ye to your dreams which ye ¹cause to be dreamed. ¹ Or, *dream*
- 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name:
- 10 I have not sent them, saith the LORD. For thus saith the LORD, After seventy years be accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to
- 11 return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you ²hope in ² Heb. *a latter end and hope.*
- 12 your latter end. And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will
- 13 hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, because ye shall search for me with all
- 14 your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD, and I will ³turn again your captivity, ³ Or, *return to*
- and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again unto the place whence I caused you to be
- 15 carried away captive. For ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon.
- 16 For thus saith the LORD concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you
- 17 into captivity; thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so
- 18 bad. And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be ⁴tossed to and fro ⁴ Or, *a terror unto*
- among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I
- 19 have driven them: because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising

up early and sending them ; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name : Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon ; and he shall slay them before your eyes ; and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire : because they have wrought folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I commanded them not ; and I am he that knoweth, and am witness, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, unto

And ¹concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite thou shalt speak, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thine own name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in the stocks and in ²shackles. Now therefore why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you ?

² Or, the collar

³ Or, For by reason thereof

³Forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, *The captivity* is long : build ye houses, and dwell in them ; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And Zephaniah the priest

read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the
 30 prophet. Then came the word of the LORD
 31 unto Jeremiah, saying, Send to all them of the
 captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD con-
 cerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because
 that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I
 sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust
 32 in a lie; therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold,
 I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his
 seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among
 this people, neither shall he behold the good
 that I will do unto my people, saith the LORD:
 because he hath spoken rebellion against the
 LORD.

30 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the
 2 LORD, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD, the
 God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words
 3 that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For,
 lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will
 1 turn again the captivity of my people Israel and
 Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause
 them to return to the land that I gave to their
 fathers, and they shall possess it.

¹ Or, return to

4 And these are the words that the LORD spake
 5 concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For
 thus saith the LORD: We have heard a voice of
 6 trembling, ²of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye
 now, and see whether a man doth travail with
 child: wherefore do I see every man with his
 hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and
 7 all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for
 that day is great, so that none is like it: it is
 even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall
 8 be saved out of it. And it shall come to pass
 in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will
 break his yoke from off thy neck, and will
 burst thy bands; and strangers shall no more
 9 serve themselves of him: but they shall serve

² Or, there is
 fear and no
 peace

the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. Therefore ¹⁰ fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with ¹¹ thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee with judgement, and will in no wise ¹leave thee unpunished.

¹ Or, hold thee
guiltless

For thus saith the LORD, Thy hurt is incur- ¹²
able, and thy wound grievous. There is none ¹³
to plead ²thy cause, ³that thou mayest be bound
up: thou hast no healing medicines. All thylovers ¹⁴
have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I
have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy,
with the chastisement of a cruel one; for the
⁴greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins
were increased. Why criest thou ⁵for thy hurt? ¹⁵
thy pain is incurable: for the ⁴greatness of thine
iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have
done these things unto thee. Therefore all ¹⁶
they that devour thee shall be devoured; and
all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall
go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall
be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I
give for a prey. For I will restore ⁶health unto ¹⁷
thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith
the LORD; because they have called thee an
outcast, *saying*, It is Zion, whom no man ⁷seek-
eth after. Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will ¹⁸
⁸turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and
have compassion on his dwellingplaces; and the
city shall be builded upon her own ⁹heap, and

² Or, thy cause;
for thy wound
thou hast no
medicines nor
plaster

³ Heb. for
closing up,
or, pressing.

⁴ Or, multitude

⁵ Or, for thy
hurt, because
thy pain is
incurable

⁶ See viii. 22.

⁷ Or, careth for

⁸ Or, return to

⁹ Or, mound
Heb. tel.

the palace shall ¹remain after the manner there-
 19 of. And out of them shall proceed thanks-
 giving and the voice of them that make merry:
 and I will multiply them, and they shall not be
 few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not
 20 be small. Their children also shall be as afore-
 time, and their congregation shall be established
 before me, and I will punish all that oppress
 21 them. And their prince shall be of themselves,
 and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of
 them; and I will cause him to draw near, and
 he shall approach unto me: for who is he that
 hath ²had boldness to approach unto me? saith
 22 the LORD. And ye shall be my people, and I
 will be your God.

¹ Or, *be*
inhabited

² Heb. *hath*
been surety for
his heart.

23 Behold, the tempest of the LORD, *even his*
 fury is gone forth, a ³sweeping tempest: it shall
 24 burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce
 anger of the LORD shall not return, until he
 have ⁴executed, and till he have performed the
 intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall
⁵understand it.

³ Or,
gathering

⁴ Or, *done it*

⁵ Or, *consider*

31 ¹ At that time, saith the LORD, will I be the
 God of all the families of Israel, and they shall
 2 be my people. ⁶Thus saith the LORD, The
 people which were left of the sword found grace
 in the wilderness; even Israel, ⁷when I went to
 3 cause him to rest. The LORD appeared ⁸of old
 unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with
 an everlasting love: therefore ⁹with loving-
 4 kindness have I drawn thee. Again will I build
 thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel:
 again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets,
 and shalt go forth in the dances of them that
 5 make merry. Again shalt thou plant vineyards
 upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters
 shall plant, and shall ¹⁰enjoy *the fruit thereof*.
 6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen *m*

⁶ ch. xxxi. 1 in
 Heb.

⁷ Or, *when he*
went to find
him rest

⁸ Or, *from afar*

⁹ Or, *my*
lovingkindness
*have I contin-
 ued unto
 thee*

¹⁰ Heb. *pro-
 fane*, or, *make
 common*. See
 Lev. xix. 23—
 25; Deut. xx.
 6, & xxviii. 30.

¹ Or, at the head

the hill-country of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD, Sing with glad-⁷ ness for Jacob, and shout ¹for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north coun-⁸ try, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall they return hither. They shall come with ⁹ weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will ²cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

² Or, bring them unto

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations; ¹⁰ and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD ¹¹ hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. And ¹² they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together unto the goodness of the LORD, to the corn, and to the wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, ¹³ and the young men and the old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the ¹⁴ priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD: A voice is heard in ¹⁵ Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel

- weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are
- 16 not. Thus saith the LORD: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of
- 17 the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the LORD; and *thy* children shall
- 18 come again to their own border. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed *to the yoke*: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.
- 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.
- 20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels ¹are troubled for him; I will surely have ¹ Heb. *sound*. mercy upon him, saith the LORD.
- 21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-posts: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
- 22 How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall encompass a man.
- 23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall ²bring again their captivity: The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, O ² Or, *return* ^{unto}
- 24 mountain of holiness. And Judah and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together; the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and every ²⁵
 sorrowful soul have I replenished. Upon this ²⁶
 I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet
 unto me. Behold, the days come, saith the ²⁷
 LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and
 the house of Judah with the seed of man, and
 with the seed of beast. And it shall come to ²⁸
 pass, that like as I have watched over them to
 pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow
 and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch
 over them to build and to plant, saith the LORD.
 In those days they shall say no more, The ²⁹
 fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's
 teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die ³⁰
 for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the
 sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ³¹
 I will make a new covenant with the house of
 Israel, and with the house of Judah: not ac- ³²
 cording to the covenant that I made with their
 fathers in the day that I took them by the hand
 to bring them out of the land of Egypt; ¹which
 my covenant they brake, although I was ²an
 husband unto them, saith the LORD. But this ³³
 is the covenant that I will make with the house
 of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I
 will put my law in their inward parts, and in
 their heart will I write it; and I will be their
 God, and they shall be my people: and they ³⁴
 shall teach no more every man his neighbour,
 and every man his brother, saying, Know the
 LORD: for they shall all know me, from the
 least of them unto the greatest of them, saith
 the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and
 their sin will I remember no more. Thus saith ³⁵
 the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by
 day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the
 stars for a light by night, which ³stirreth up the

¹ Or, *foras-
 much as they
 brake my
 covenant*

² Or, *lord over
 them*

³ Or, *stilleth
 the sea when
 &c.* Is. li. 15.

sea, that the waves thereof roar ; The LORD of
36 hosts is his name : If these ordinances depart
from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed
of Israel also shall cease from being a nation
37 before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD : If
heaven above can be measured, and the founda-
tions of the earth searched out beneath, then
will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all
38 that they have done, saith the LORD. Behold,
the days come, saith the LORD, that the city
shall be built to the LORD from the tower of
39 Hananel unto the gate of the corner. And the
measuring line shall yet go out straightonward
unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn about unto
40 Goah. And the whole valley of the dead bodies,
and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the
brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse
gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the
LORD ; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown
down any more for ever.

32 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the
LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of
Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebu-
2 cadrezzar. Now at that time the king of Baby-
lon's army besieged Jerusalem : and Jeremiah
the prophet was shut up in the court of the
guard, which was in the king of Judah's house.
3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up,
saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say,
Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this
city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and
4 he shall take it ; and Zedekiah king of Judah
shall not escape out of the hand of the Chal-
deans, but shall surely be delivered into the
hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak
with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall
5 behold his eyes ; and he shall lead Zedekiah to
Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him,

saith the LORD : though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD 6 came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanamel the 7 son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth : for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanamel mine uncle's son came to 8 me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin : for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine ; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field 9 that was in Anathoth of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the 10 deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. So I 11 took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, ¹*according to* the law and custom, and that which was open : and I delivered the 12 deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. And I charged Baruch 13 before them, saying, Thus saith the LORD of 14 hosts, the God of Israel ; Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both that which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel ; that they may continue many days. For thus saith the LORD of 15 hosts, the God of Israel : Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.

¹ Or, containing the terms and conditions

- 16 Now after I had delivered the deed of the
purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I
17 prayed unto the LORD, saying, Ah Lord God!
behold, thou hast made the heaven and the
earth by thy great power and by thy stretched
out arm; there is nothing too hard for thee:
18 which shewest mercy unto thousands, and re-
compensest the iniquity of the fathers into the
bosom of their children after them: the great,
the mighty God, the LORD of hosts is his name:
19 great in counsel, and mighty in work: whose
eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of
men; to give every one according to his ways,
20 and according to the fruit of his doings: which
didst set signs and wonders in the land of
Egypt, even unto this day, ^{1 Or, and} both in Israel and
among *other* men; and madest thee a name, as
21 at this day; and didst bring forth thy people
Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and
with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with
22 a stretched out arm, and with great terror; and
gavest them this land, which thou didst swear
to their fathers to give them, a land flowing
23 with milk and honey; and they came in, and
possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice,
neither walked in thy law; they have done no-
thing of all that thou commandedst them to do:
therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come
24 upon them: behold the mounts, they are come
unto the city to take it; and the city is given
into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against
it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and
of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is
25 come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. And
thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, Buy thee
the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas
the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 Then came the word of the LORD unto

Jeremiah, saying, Behold, I am the LORD, the 27
God of all flesh: is there anything too hard
for me?

Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I 28
will give this city into the hand of the Chal-
deans, and into the hand of Nebucadrezzar
king of Babylon, and he shall take it: and the 29
Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall
come and set this city on fire, and burn it,
with the houses, upon whose roofs they have
offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink-
offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to
anger. For the children of Israel and the 30
children of Judah have only done that which
was evil in my sight from their youth: for the
children of Israel have only provoked me to
anger with the work of their hands, saith the
LORD. For this city hath been to me a pro- 31
vocation of mine anger and of my fury from
the day that they built it even unto this day;
that I should remove it from before my face:
because of all the evil of the children of Israel 32
and of the children of Judah, which they have
done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings,
their princes, their priests, and their prophets,
and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem. And they have turned unto me 33
the back, and not the face: and though I taught
them, rising up early and teaching them, yet
they have not hearkened to receive instruction.
But they set their abominations in the house 34
which is called by my name, to defile it. And 35
they built the high places of Baal, which are in
the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their
sons and their daughters to pass through *the*
fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not,
neither came it into my mind, that they should
do this abomination; to cause Judah to sin.

- 36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof
ye say, It is given into the hand of the king
of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine,
37 and by the pestilence: Behold, I will gather
them out of all the countries, whither I have
driven them in mine anger, and in my fury,
and in great wrath; and I will bring them
again unto this place, and I will cause them
38 to dwell safely: and they shall be my people,
39 and I will be their God: and I will give them
one heart and one way, that they may fear me
for ever; for the good of them, and of their
40 children after them: and I will make an ever-
lasting covenant with them, that I will not turn
away ¹from them, to do them good; and I will
put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not
41 depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them
to do them good, and I will plant them in this
land ²assuredly with my whole heart and with
42 my whole soul. For thus saith the LORD:
Like as I have brought all this great evil upon
this people, so will I bring upon them all the
43 good that I have promised them. And fields
shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It
is desolate without man or beast; it is given
44 into the hand of the Chaldeans. Men shall buy
fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and
seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of
Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem,
and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of
the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowland,
and in the cities of the South: for I will cause
their captivity to return, saith the LORD.
- 33 ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet
² shut up in the court of the guard, saying, Thus
saith the LORD that doeth it, the LORD that

¹ Heb. *from*
after them.

² Heb. *in*
truth.

formeth it to establish it; the LORD is his name:
Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will ³
¹ Heb. *fenced*. shew thee great things, and ¹difficult, which
thou knowest not. For thus saith the LORD, ⁴
the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this
city, and concerning the houses of the kings of
Judah, which are broken down *to make a defence*
against the mounts, and against the sword: They ⁵
come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill
them with the dead bodies of men, whom I
have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for
all whose wickedness I have hid my face from
² Or, *healing* this city. Behold, I will bring it ²health and ⁶
cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal
unto them abundance of peace and truth. And ⁷
I will cause the captivity of Judah and the
captivity of Israel to return, and will build
them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them, ⁸
from all their iniquity, whereby they have
sinned against me; and I will pardon all their
iniquities, whereby they have sinned against
me, and whereby they have transgressed against
me. And *this city* shall be to me for a name of ⁹
joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the
nations of the earth, which shall hear all the
good that I do unto them, and shall fear and
tremble for all the good and for all the peace
that I procure unto it. Thus saith the LORD: ¹⁰
Yet again there shall be heard in this place,
whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and
without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in
the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without
man and without inhabitant and without beast,
the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the ¹¹
voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the
bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks
to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for
his mercy endureth for ever: *and of them* that

bring *sacrifices of* thanksgiving into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith the LORD.

- 12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, an habitation of shepherds causing their
13 flocks to lie down. In the cities of the hill-country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

- 14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and con-
15 cerning the house of Judah. In those days,

- and at that time, will I cause a ¹Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgement and righteousness in the
16 land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is *the name* whereby she shall be called, ²The LORD is

- 17 our righteousness. For thus saith the LORD:

- ³David shall never want a man to sit upon the
18 throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to burn oblations,

- 19 and to do sacrifice continually. And the word

- 20 of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there should not be day and night in their

- 21 season; then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have

- 22 a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host

¹ See xxiii. 5.

² See xxiii. 6.

³ Heb. *There shall not be cut off from David.*

of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. And the word of the LORD ²³ came to Jeremiah, saying, Considerest thou not ²⁴ what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD did choose, he hath cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the LORD: If my covenant ²⁵ of day and night *stand* not, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, ²⁶ and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will ¹cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

¹ Or, *return to their captivity*

The word which came unto Jeremiah from ¹ the LORD, when Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying: Thus saith ² the LORD, the God of Israel, Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: and thou shalt not escape ³ out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and ⁴ he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. Yet hear the word of the ⁵ LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Thus saith the LORD concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; thou shalt die in peace; and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings

² Heb. *his mouth shall speak to thy mouth.*

- which were before thee, so shall they ¹make a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! For I have spoken the word,
- 6 saith the LORD. Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of
- 7 Judah in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these *alone* remained of the cities of Judah *as* fenced cities.
- 8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at
- 9 Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother:
- 10 and all the princes and all the people obeyed, which had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more; they obeyed, and
- 11 let them go: but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for hand-
- 12 maids: therefore the word of the LORD came to
- 13 Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of
- 14 the house of bondage, saying, At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is an Hebrew, which ²hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither

¹ See 2 Chr. xvi. 14, xxi. 19.

² Or, *hath sold himself*

inclined their ear. And ye were now turned, 15
 and had done that which is right in my sight, in
 proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour;
 and ye had made a covenant before me in the
 house which is called by my name: but ye 16
 turned and profaned my name, and caused every
 man his servant, and every man his handmaid,
 whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to
 return; and ye brought them into subjection,
 to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.
 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ye have not 17
 hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every
 man to his brother, and every man to his
 neighbour: behold, I proclaim unto you a
 liberty, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the
 pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make
 you to be ¹tossed to and fro among all the
 kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the 18
 men that have transgressed my covenant, which
 have not performed the words of the covenant
 which they made before me, ²when they cut the
 calf in twain and passed between the parts
 thereof; the princes of Judah, and the princes 19
 of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and
 all the people of the land, which passed between
 the parts of the calf; I will even give them into 20
 the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of
 them that seek their life: and their dead bodies
 shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
 and to the beasts of the earth. And Zedekiah 21
 king of Judah and his princes will I give into
 the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of
 them that seek their life, and into the hand
 of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone
 up from you. Behold, I will command, saith 22
 the LORD, and cause them to return to this city;
 and they shall fight against it, and take it, and
 burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of
 Judah a desolation without inhabitant.

¹ Or, a terror
unto

² Heb. the calf
which they
cut &c.

- 35 ¹ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Recabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Recabites; and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the ¹door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Recabites bowls full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Recab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn.
- ² And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Recab our father in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem.

¹ Heb, threehold.

Then came the word of the LORD unto ¹² Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ¹³ the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD. The words of Jonadab ¹⁴ the son of Recab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed, and unto this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto me. I have sent also unto you ¹⁵ all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. For ¹⁶asmuch as the sons of Jonadab the son of Recab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me; therefore ¹⁷thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. And Jeremiah said ¹⁸unto the house of the Recabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he commanded you; therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God ¹⁹of Israel: Jonadab the son of Recab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

- 36 ¹ And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the
- ² LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah,
- ³ even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive
- ⁴ their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him,
- ⁵ upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am ¹shut up; I cannot ¹Or, *restrained*
- ⁶ go into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon ²the fast day: and also thou shalt read ²Or, *a fast day*
- ⁷ them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be ³they will present their ³Heb. *their supplication will fall.*
- ⁸ supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.
- ⁹ Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem, proclaimed a

fast before the LORD. Then read Baruch in the ¹⁰ book the words of Jeremiāh in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people. And ¹¹ when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, he went down into the ¹² king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Haniah, and all the princes. Then Micaiah de- ¹³ clared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the princes sent ¹⁴ Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. And they ¹⁵ said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. Now it came to pass, when they had heard ¹⁶ all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. And they ¹⁷ asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then ¹⁸ Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. Then said the ¹⁹ princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. And they went in to the king into the court; ²⁰

- but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words
21 in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside
22 the king. Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and *there was a fire in the*
23 *brasier burning before him.* And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four¹ leaves, ^{1 Or, columns} that *the king* cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brasier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the
24 brasier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his
25 servants that heard all these words. Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.
26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel² the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them. ^{2 Or, the son of Hammelech}
27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth
28 of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king
29 of Judah hath burned. And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from
30 thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith

the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and ³¹ his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkened not. Then took Jeremiah another ³² roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as ¹ **37** king, instead of ¹Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor ² his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ See ch. xxii.
^{24.}

And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the ³ son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. Now Jeremiah came in and went out ⁴ among the people: for they had not put him into prison. And Pharaoh's army was come ⁵ forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they brake up from Jerusalem. Then came the ⁶ word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: ⁷ Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help

- you; shall return to Egypt into their own land.
 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight
 against this city; and they shall take it, and
 9 burn it with fire. Thus saith the LORD: De-
 ceive not ¹yourself, saying, The Chaldeans
 shall surely depart from us: for they shall not
 10 depart. For though ye had smitten the whole
 army of the Chaldeans that fight against you,
 and there remained but ²wounded men among
 them, yet should they rise up every man in
 his tent, and burn this city with fire.
- 11 And it came to pass, that when the army of
 the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem
 12 for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went
 forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of
 Benjamin, to receive his portion ³there, in the
 13 midst of the people. And when he was in the
 gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was
 there, whose name was Irijah, the son of
 Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid
 hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou
 14 fallest away to the Chaldeans. Then said
 Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the
 Chaldeans; but he hearkened not to him: so
 Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him
 15 to the princes. And the princes were wroth
 with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in
 prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for
 16 they had made that the prison. When Jeremiah
 was come into the ⁴dungeon house, and into
 the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there
 17 many days; then Zedekiah the king sent, and
 fetched him: and the king asked him secretly
 in his house, and said, Is there any word from
 the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is. He
 said also, Thou shalt be delivered into the hand
 18 of the king of Babylon. Moreover Jeremiah
 said unto king Zedekiah, Wherein have I

¹ Heb. *your souls.*² Heb. *thrust through.*³ Heb. *from thence.*⁴ Or, *house of the pit*

sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? Where now are your prophets which ¹⁹ prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? And now hear, I pray thee, O my ²⁰ lord the king: ¹let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. Then Zedekiah the ²¹ king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard, and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

¹ Heb. *let my supplication fall.*

And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and ¹ 38 Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah spake unto all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, He ² that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. Thus saith the LORD, This city ³ shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. Then the princes said unto the king, Let this ⁴ man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. And Zedekiah the king ⁵ said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into ⁶ the ²dungeon of Malchiah ³the king's son, that

² Or, *pit*

³ Or, *the son of Hammelech*

- was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: and Jeremiah
7 sank in the mire. Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an eunuch, which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of
8 Benjamin; Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,
9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and ¹he is like to die in the place where he ¹Heb. he is
is because of the famine: for there is no more ^{dead.}
10 bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before
11 he die. So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old worn out garments, and let them down
12 by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and worn out garments under thine armholes under the cords.
13 And Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide
15 nothing from me. Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee
16 counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. So

Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, ¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel : If thou wilt go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire ; and thou shalt live, and thine house : but if thou wilt ¹⁸ not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. And ¹⁹ Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. But Jeremiah said, They, ²⁰ shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, in that which I speak unto thee : so it shall be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou refuse to go forth, ²¹ this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me : Behold, all the women that are left in the king ²² of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, ¹Thy familiar friends have ²set thee on, and have prevailed over thee : *now that* thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back. And they shall bring out all thy wives ²³ and thy children to the Chaldeans : and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon : and ³thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man ²⁴ know of these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have talked with ²⁵ thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto

¹ Heb. *The men of thy peace.*

² Or, *deceived thee*

³ Heb. *thou shalt burn &c.*

thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death: also what the king said
 26 unto thee: then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's
 27 house, to die there. Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with
 28 him; for the matter was not perceived. So Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

¹ Heb. caused to fall

² Or, reported

39 ¹ And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, ³(in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against
 2 Jerusalem, and besieged it; in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city:)
 3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, chief eunuch, Nergal-sharezer, chief Magian, with all the rest
 4 of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the
 5 way of the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he gave judgement upon him. Then
 6 the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of

³ See lii. 4 &c.

² Kings xxv.

1-4.

⁴ Heb. spake judgements with him.

See xii. 1.

Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. More- 7
 over he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him
 in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. And the 8
 Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the
 houses of the people, with fire, and brake down
 the walls of Jerusalem. Then Nebuzaradan the 9
 captain of the guard carried away captive into
 Babylon the residue of the people that remained
 in the city, the deserters also, that fell away to
 him, and the residue of the people that remained.
 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left 10
 of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in
 the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and
 fields at the same time. Now Nebucadrezzar 11
 king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jere-
 miah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,
 saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do 12
 him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall
 say unto thee. So Nebuzaradan the captain of 13
 the guard sent, and Nebushazban, chief eunuch,
 and Nergal-sharezer, chief Magian, and all the
 chief officers of the king of Babylon; they sent, 14
 and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard,
 and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of
 Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry
 him to his house: so he dwelt among the people.

Now the word of the LORD came unto Jere- 15
 miah, while he was shut up in the court of the
 guard, saying, Go and speak to Ebed-melech the 16
 Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
 the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my
 words upon this city for evil, and not for
 good; and they ²shall be accomplished before
 thee in that day. But I will deliver thee in 17
 that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not
 be given into the hand of the men of whom
 thou art afraid. For I will surely save thee, 18
 and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy

¹ See Gen.
xxxvii. 36.

² Or, *shall be*
before thee

life shall be for a prey unto thee : because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

- 40 ¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, which
² were carried away captive unto Babylon. And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God pronounced this
³ evil upon this place: and the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he spake; because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come
⁴ upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and ¹convenient ¹ Or, *right*
⁵ unto thee to go, thither go. Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, *said he*, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a present, and
⁶ let him go. Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.
⁷ Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, ²and of the poorest of the land, of ² Or, *even*

them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the Maacathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, which shall come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken. Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; then all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, and said unto him, Dost thou know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he take thy life, that all the Jews

which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

- 41 ¹ Now it came to pass in the seventh month, ¹ that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, ² and *one of* the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together ² in Mizpah. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor ³ over the land. Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found ⁴ there, even the men of war. And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, ⁵ and no man knew it, that there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with oblations and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the Lord. ⁶ And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of ⁷ Ahikam. And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were ⁸ with him. But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat,

¹ See 2 Kings xxv. 25.

² *One, and the chief officers etc. even ten men.*

and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren. Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all the dead ⁹ bodies of the men, whom he had slain, by the side of Gedaliah, (the same was that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel,) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain. Then Ishmael ¹⁰ carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and ¹¹ all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, then they took all the ¹² men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. Now it came to pass, that ¹³ when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael ¹⁴ had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Ne- ¹⁵ thaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. Then ¹⁶ took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even the mighty men of

war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from
 17 Gibeon: and they departed, and dwelt in
 1 Geruth Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to
 go to enter into Egypt, because of the Chal-
 18 deans: for they were afraid of them, because
 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Geda-
 liah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of
 Babylon made governor over the land.

¹ Or, *the*
lodging-place
of Chimham

42 1 Then all the captains of the forces, and
 Johanan the son of Kareah, and ²Jezaniah the
 son of Hoshaiiah, and all the people from the
 2 least even unto the greatest, came near, and
 said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we pray
 thee, our supplication ³be accepted before thee,
 and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even
 for all this remnant; for we are left but a few
 3 of many, as thine eyes do behold us: that the
 LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein
 we should walk, and the thing that we should
 4 do. Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto
 them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray
 unto the LORD your God according to your
 words; and it shall come to pass, that what-
 soever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will
 declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back
 5 from you. Then they said to Jeremiah, The
 LORD be a true and faithful witness ⁴amongst
 us, if we do not even according to all the word
 wherewith the LORD thy God shall send thee to
 6 us. Whether it be good, or whether it be
 evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our
 God, to whom we send thee; that it may be
 well with us, when we obey the voice of the
 LORD our God.

² In xliii. 2,
Azariah.

³ Heb. *fall.*

⁴ Or, *against*

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the
 8 word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah. Then
 called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all

the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to ¹present your supplication before him: If ye will still abide in this land, then will I ¹⁰build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. Be ¹¹not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And I will grant you ¹²mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. But if ¹³ye say, We will not dwell in this land; so that ye obey not the voice of the LORD your God; saying, No; but we will go into the land of ¹⁴Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: now therefore hear ye ¹⁵the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah: thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; then it shall come to ¹⁶pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, ²shall follow hard after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. So shall it be with all the men that set ¹⁷their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, ¹⁸the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth

¹ Or, *lay*

² Heb. *shall cleave after you.*

upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt : and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach ; and ye shall see
19 this place no more. The LORD hath spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah ; Go ye not into Egypt : know certainly that I have
20 testified unto you this day. For ye have dealt deceitfully ^{1 Or, in your} against your own souls ; for ye sent ^{souls} me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God ; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare
21 unto us, and we will do it : and I have this day declared it to you ; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God in anything for the
22 which he hath sent me unto you. Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

43 1 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, wherewith the LORD their God had sent him to them, even
2 all these words, then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely : the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to
3 sojourn there : but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captives to
4 Babylon. So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in
5 the land of Judah. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned

from all the nations whither they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah; the 6 men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; and they came into the 7 land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: and they came even to Tahpanhes. Then came the word of the LORD 8 unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take 9 great stones in thine hand, and hide them ¹in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; and say unto them, Thus 10 saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebucadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. And he shall come and shall smite the land of 11 Egypt; such as are for death *shall be given* to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the 12 gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall also break the 13 ²pillars of ³Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.

¹ Or, obelisks
Or, standing
images.

² Or, The
house of the
sun Probably,
Heliopolis or
On.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning 1 44
all the Jews which dwelt in the land of Egypt,
which dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and
at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

- 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought
upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of
Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desola-
3 tion, and no man dwelleth therein; because of
their wickedness which they have committed to
provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn
incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they
knew not, neither they, nor ye, nor your fathers.
4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the
prophets, rising up early and sending them,
saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I
5 hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined
their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn
6 no incense unto other gods. Wherefore my
fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was
kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets
of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate,
7 as it is this day. Therefore now thus saith the
LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel:
Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against
your own souls, to cut off from you man and
woman, child and suckling, out of the midst of
8 Judah, to leave you none remaining; in that ye
provoke me unto anger with the works of your
hands, burning incense unto other gods in the
land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to sojourn;
that ye may be cut off, and that ye may be a
curse and a reproach among all the nations of
9 the earth? Have ye forgotten the wickedness
of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings
of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives,
and your own wickedness, and the wickedness
of your wives, which they committed in the
land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 They are not humbled even unto this day,
neither have they feared, nor walked in my law,
nor in my statutes, that I set before you and

before your fathers. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: so that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

¹ Heb. *lift up their soul.*

Then all the men which knew that their wives burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great assembly, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of ²victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out

² Heb. *bread.*

- drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword
19 and by the famine. And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to ¹ worship her, and pour out drink-offerings ¹ Or, *pourtray*
20 unto her, without our husbands? Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people which had
21 given him that answer, saying, The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and
22 came it not into his mind? So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a
23 curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.
- 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt:
25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: establish then your vows,
26 and perform your vows. Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the

land of Egypt : Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord God liveth. Behold, I watch over them ²⁷ for evil, and not for good : and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. And they that escape ²⁸ the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number ; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. And ²⁹ this shall be the sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil : Thus saith the LORD : Behold, I ³⁰ will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life ; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake ¹ 45 unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the ² LORD, the God of Israel, ¹unto thee, O Baruch : Thou didst say, Woe is me now ! for the LORD ³ hath added sorrow to my pain ; ²I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. Thus ⁴ shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith the LORD : Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up ; and this in the whole ³earth. And ⁵ seekest thou great things for thyself ? seek them

¹ Or, concerning

² Ps. vi. 6.

³ Or, land

not : for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD : but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 ¹ The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

² Of Egypt : concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of

³ Judah. Order ye the buckler and shield, and

⁴ draw near to battle. Harness the horses, and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets ; furbish the spears, put on the coats of

⁵ mail. Wherefore have I seen it ? they are dismayed, ~~they are~~ turned backward ; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back : terror is on every side, saith

⁶ the LORD. Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape ; in the north by the river

⁷ Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen. ¹Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters

⁸ toss themselves like the rivers ? Egypt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves

like the rivers : and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth ; I will destroy the city and

⁹ the inhabitants thereof. Go up, ye horses ; and rage, ye chariots ; and let the mighty men go

forth : Cush and Put, that handle the shield ; and the Ludim, that handle and bend the bow.

¹⁰ For that day is *a day* of the Lord, the God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries : and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood : for the Lord, the God of hosts, hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river

¹¹ Euphrates. Go up into Gilead, and take balm,

¹ Or, *Who is this like the Nile that riseth up, like the rivers whose waters toss themselves? Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up &c.*

O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain dost thou use many medicines; there is no healing for thee. The nations have heard of thy shame, ¹² and the earth is full of thy cry: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah ¹³ the prophet, how that Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt. Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in ¹⁴ Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee; for the sword hath devoured round about thee. ¹⁵ Why are thy strong ones swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did ²drive them. He made ¹⁶ many to stumble, yea, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. They cried there, Pha- ¹⁷ raoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath let the appointed time pass by. As I live, saith ¹⁸ the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. O ¹⁹ thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt, ³furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up without inhabitant. Egypt is a very fair heifer; but ²⁰ ⁴destruction out of the north is come, ⁵it is come. Also her hired men in the midst of her are like ²¹ calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their visitation. ²² The sound thereof shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. They shall cut down her ²³ forest, saith the LORD, ⁷though it cannot be

¹ Or, according to some ancient authorities, *Why is thy strong one swept away? he stood not, &c.*

² Or, thrust them down

³ Heb. make thee vessels of captivity.

⁴ Or, the gadfly

⁵ Or, according to many ancient authorities, upon her

⁶ Or, Her sound is like that of the serpent which goeth away

⁷ Or, for

searched ; because they are more than the locusts,
 24 and are innumerable. The daughter of Egypt
 shall be put to shame ; she shall be delivered
 25 into the hand of the people of the north. The
 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith : Be-
 hold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh,
 and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings ; even
 26 Pharaoh, and them that trust in him : and I
 will deliver them into the hand of those that
 seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebu-
 cadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand
 of his servants : and afterwards it shall be in-
 habited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.
 27 But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, neither
 be dismayed, O Israel : for, lo, I will save thee
 from afar, and thy seed from the land of their
 captivity ; and Jacob shall return, and shall be
 quiet and at ease, and none shall make him
 28 afraid. Fear not thou, O Jacob my servant,
 saith the LORD ; for I am with thee : for I will
 make a full end of all the nations whither I have
 driven thee, but I will not make a full end of
 thee ; but I will correct thee with judgement, and
 will in no wise leave thee unpunished.

¹ Or, hold thee
 guiltless

47 ¹ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah
 the prophet concerning the Philistines, before
 2 that Pharaoh smote Gaza. Thus saith the LORD :
 Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and
 shall become an overflowing stream, and shall
 overflow the land and all that is therein, the city
 and them that dwell therein : and the men shall
 cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall
 3 howl. At the noise of the stamping of the
 hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his
 chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the
 fathers look not back to their children for feeble-
 4 ness of hands ; because of the day that cometh
 to spoil all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre

and Zidon every helper that remaineth : for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the ¹isle of Caphtor. Baldness is come upon 5 Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nought, the remnant of their valley : how long wilt thou cut thyself? O thou sword of the LORD, how long 6 will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. How canst 7 thou be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given ²thee a charge? against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore, there hath he appointed it.

Of Moab. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ¹ 48 the God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled; Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken: *Leiford*

³ Or, the high ³ Misgab is put to shame and ⁴ broken down. The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon ² they have devised evil against her, Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue thee. The sound of a cry ³ from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction! *Leiford* Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused ⁴ a cry to be heard. ⁴ For by the ascent of Luhith ⁵ with continual weeping shall they go up; for in the going down of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction.

⁵ See xvii. 6. Flee, save your lives, and be like ⁶ the heath in 6 the wilderness. For, because thou hast trusted 7 in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shalt be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together. And the spoiler shall come upon every 8 city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as the LORD hath spoken. Give wings unto 9 Moab, ⁶ that she may fly and get her away; and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein. Cursed be he that doeth ¹⁰

⁶ Or, for she must fly

- the work of the LORD ¹negligently, and cursed ¹Or, *deceit-*
 be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. ^{fully}
- 11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he
 hath settled on his lees, and hath not been
 emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he
 gone into captivity: therefore his taste remaineth
 12 in him, and his scent is not changed. There-
 fore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
 that I will send unto him them that ²pour off, ²Heb. *tilt*
 and they shall ²pour him off; and they shall empty (a vessel).
 his vessels, and break their ³bottles in pieces. ³Or, *jars*
- 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as
 the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el
 14 their confidence. How say ye, We are mighty
 15 men, and valiant men for the war? Moab is
 spoiled, and ⁴they are gone up into her cities, ⁴Or, *is gone*
 and his chosen young men are gone down *up into &c. Or*
 to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is *her cities are*
 16 the LORD of hosts. The calamity of Moab *gone up in*
 is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. *smoke*
- 17 All ye that are round about him, bemoan him,
 and all ye that know his name; say, How is
 18 the strong ⁵staff broken, the beautiful rod! O ⁵Or, *scapitre*
 thou daughter that ⁶dweldest in Dibon, come ⁶Or, *art seated*
 down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the
 spoiler of Moab is come up against thee, he
 19 hath destroyed thy strong holds. O inhabitant
 of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy: ask him
 that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What
 20 hath been done? Moab is put to shame; for it
 is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in
 21 Arnon, for Moab is spoiled. And judgement
 is come upon the plain country; upon Holon,
 22 and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath, and
 upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-
 23 diblathaim, and upon Kiriathaim, and upon
 24 Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon, and upon
 Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the

cities of the land of Moab, far or near. The ²⁵
 horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken,
 saith the LORD. Make ye him drunken; for he ²⁶
 magnified himself against the LORD; and Moab
 shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall
 be in derision. For was not Israel a derision ²⁷
 unto thee? was he found among thieves? for
 as often as thou speakest of him, thou waggst
 the head. O ye inhabitants of Moab, leave the ²⁸
 cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the
 dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the ²⁹
 hole's mouth. We have heard of the ¹pride of
 Moab, *that* he is very proud; his loftiness,
 and his pride, and his arrogancy, and the
 haughtiness of his heart. I know his wrath, ³⁰
 saith the LORD, that it is nought; his boastings
 have wrought nothing. Therefore ²will I howl ³¹
 for Moab; yea, I will cry out for all Moab: for
 the men of Kir-heres shall they mourn. ³With ³²
 more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for
 thee, ³O vine of Sibmah: thy branches passed
 over the sea, they reached even to the sea of
 Jazer: upon thy summer fruits and upon thy
 vintage the spoiler is fallen. And ⁴gladness ³³
 and joy is taken away, from the fruitful field
 and from the land of Moab; and I have caused
 wine to cease from the winepresses: none shall
 tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no
 shouting. ⁵From the cry of Heshbon even unto ³⁴
 Elealeh, even unto Jahaz, have they uttered
 their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, ⁶as
 an heifer of three years old: for the waters of
 Nimrim also shall become ⁷desolate. More- ³⁵
 over I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the
 LORD, him that offereth in the high place, and
 him that burneth incense to his gods. There- ³⁶
 fore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes,
 and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the

¹ Isai. xvi. 6.

² Isai. xv. 5,
and xvi. 7, 11.

³ Isai. xvi. 8,
9.

⁴ Isai. xvi. 10.

⁵ Isai. xv. 4,
&c.

⁶ Or, to
*Eglath
shelishiiah*

⁷ Heb.
desolations.

mouth of an

men of Kir-heres: therefore the abundance that
 37 he hath gotten is perished. For every head
 is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the
 hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sack-
 38 cloth. On all the housetops of Moab and in
 the streets thereof there is lamentation every-
 where: for I have broken Moab like a vessel
 39 wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD. How
 is it broken down! ¹how do they howl! how ¹Or, howl ye!
 hath Moab turned the back with shame! so
 shall Moab become a derision and a dismaying
 40 to all that are round about him. For thus
 saith the LORD: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle,
 and shall spread out his wings against Moab.
 41 ²Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are ²Or, The
 surprised, and the heart of the mighty men ^{cities are taken}
 of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a
 42 woman in her pangs. And Moab shall be
 destroyed from being a people, because he hath
 43 magnified himself against the LORD. Fear, and
 the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabit-
 44 ant of Moab, saith the LORD. He that fleeth
 from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that
 getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the
 snare: for I will bring upon her, even upon
 Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the
 45 LORD. They that fled stand ³without strength ³Or, because
 under the shadow of Heshbon: ⁴for a fire is ^{of the force}
 gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from ⁴Or, but
 the midst of Sihon, and hath devoured the
 corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of
 46 the tumultuous ones. Woe unto thee, O Moab!
 the people of Chemosh is undone: for thy sons
 are taken away captive, and thy daughters
 47 captive. Yet will I ⁵bring again the captivity of ⁵Or, return
 Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus
 far is the judgement of Moab.

49 1 Of the children of Ammon. Thus saith

¹ Or, *their king*
Amos i. 15;
Zeph. i. 5.

² Or, *inherit*

³ See xxx. 18.

⁵ Or, *Wherefore
gloriest
thou in the
valleys? thy
valley floweth
away*

the LORD: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth ¹Malcam ²possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ²LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate ³heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel ²possess them that did ²possess him, saith the LORD. Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai ³is spoiled; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for ¹Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. ⁵Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy ⁴flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that ⁴trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me? Behold, I will bring a fear, upon ⁵thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather up him that wandereth. But ⁶afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

Of Edom. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁷Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O ⁸inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I shall visit him. If grapegatherers come to thee, ⁹they will leave no gleaning grapes; if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough. For I have made Esau bare, I have un- ¹⁰covered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not. Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve ¹¹

⁶ Or, *would
they not leave
some gleaning
grapes? if
thieves...would
they not de-
stroy...enough?*
But &c. See
Obad. 5.

- them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.
- 12 For thus saith the LORD: Behold, they to whom it pertained not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink.
- 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. ¹I have
- 14 heard tidings from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and
- 15 despised among men. As for thy terribleness, the pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of ²the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the
- 17 LORD. And Edom shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.
- 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the ³pride of Jordan ⁴against the strong habitation: ⁵but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over her: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd
- 20 that will stand before me? Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

¹ See Obad.¹⁻⁴² Or, *Sela* See² Kings xiv. 7.³ Or, *swelling*⁴ Or, *unto the permanent pastures*⁵ Or, *for I will suddenly drive them away*

¹ Or, *the little ones of the flock shall drag them away*

² Or, *pastures*

³ Or, *astonished at them*

Surely ¹they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock: surely he shall make their ²habitation ³desolate with them. The earth ²¹ trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red sea. Behold, he shall come up and fly as the ²² eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

⁴ Or, *care*

Of Damascus. Hamath is ashamed, and ²³ Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is ⁴sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. Damascus is waxed feeble, ²⁴ she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. How ²⁵ is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? Therefore her young men shall fall ²⁶ in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. And I will kindle a fire in ²⁷ the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, ²⁸ which Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon smote. Thus saith the LORD: Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the children of the east. Their tents ²⁹ and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels: and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side. Flee ye, wander far off, dwell deep, O ye ³⁰ inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. Arise, get you up unto a nation ³¹ that is at ease, that dwelleth without care,

saith the LORD; which have neither gates nor
 32 bars, which dwell alone. And their camels shall
 be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a
 spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them
 that have the corners *of their hair* polled; and
 I will bring their calamity from every side of
 33 them, saith the LORD. And Hazor shall be
 a dwellingplace of jackals, a desolation for ever:
 no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son
 of man sojourn therein.

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah
 the prophet concerning Elam in the beginning
 of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
 35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will
 break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.
 36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds
 from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter
 them toward all those winds; and there shall be
 no nation whither ¹the outcasts of Elam shall
 37 not come. And I will cause Elam to be dis-
 mayed before their enemies, and before them
 that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon
 them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD;
 and I will send the sword after them, till I have
 38 consumed them: and I will set my throne in
 Elam, and will destroy from thence king and
 39 princes, saith the LORD. But it shall come to
 pass in the latter days, that I will bring again
 the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

¹ According
 to another
 reading, *the*
everlasting
outcasts.

50 ¹ The word that the LORD spake concerning
 Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans,
 2 by Jeremiah the prophet. Declare ye among
 the nations and publish, and set up a standard;
 publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken,
 Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed;
 her images are put to shame, her idols are
 3 dismayed. For out of the north there cometh
 up a nation against her, which shall make her

land desolate, and none shall dwell therein : they are fled, they are gone, both man and beast. In those days, and in that time, saith ⁴ the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together ; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek the LORD their God. They shall enquire concerning Zion with their faces ¹thitherward, *saying*, Come ye, and ²let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

¹ Heb. *hitherward.*

² Or, *they shall join themselves, or, join yourselves*

³ Or, *on the mountains that turn them away*

My people hath been lost sheep : their shepherds ⁶ have caused them to go astray, ³they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace. All that found ⁷ them have devoured them : and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers. Flee ⁸ out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. For, lo, I will stir ⁹ cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country : and they shall set themselves in array against her ; from thence she shall be taken : their arrows shall be as of an ⁴expert mighty man ; ⁵none shall return in vain. And Chaldea shall be a spoil : ¹⁰ all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD. Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice, ¹¹ O ye that plunder mine heritage, because ye are wanton as an heifer ⁶that treadeth out *the corn*, and neigh as strong horses ; your mother shall ¹² be sore ashamed ; she that bare you shall be confounded : behold, she shall be the hindermost of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. Because of the wrath of the LORD it ¹³

⁴ Or, according to another reading, *a mighty man that maketh childless*

⁵ Or, *that returneth not*

⁶ Or, *at grass*

- shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall
 14 be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.
 15 Shout against her round about; she hath ¹sub-
 mitted herself; her ²bulwarks are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD; take vengeance upon her; as she
 16 hath done, do unto her. Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.
 17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebucadrezzar
 18 king of Babylon hath broken his bones. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of
 19 Assyria. And I will bring Israel again to his ³pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and ⁴Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the
 20 hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.
 21 Go up against the land of ⁵Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of ⁶Pekod: slay and ⁷utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have com-
 22 manded thee. A sound of battle is in the land,
 23 and of great destruction. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how

¹ Heb. *given her hand.*² Or, *foundations*³ Or, *fold*⁴ That is, *double rebellion.*⁵ That is, *visitation.*⁶ Or, *de etc*

is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD. The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for it is the work of the Lord ~~God~~ of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. Come against her ¹from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and ²destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left. Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple. Call together ³the archers against Babylon, all them that bend the bow; camp against her round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, O thou proud one, saith the Lord ~~God~~ of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And ⁴the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all that are round about him.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together: and all that took them captives hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his

¹ Or, from every quarter

² Or, devote her

³ Or, many

⁴ Heb. O Pride.

⁵ Heb. Pride.

name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet
 35 the inhabitants of Babylon. A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes,
 36 and upon her wise men. A sword is upon the ¹boasters, and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed.
 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her, and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures, and
 38 they shall be robbed. A drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up: for it is a land of graven images, and they are mad upon
 39 ²idols. ³Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the ⁴wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be
 40 dwelt in from generation to generation. As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any
 41 son of man sojourn therein. Behold, a people cometh from the north; and a great nation, and many kings shall be stirred up from the utter-
 42 most parts of the earth. They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses; every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Baby-
 43 lon. The king of Babylon hath heard the fame of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. ⁵Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the ⁶pride of Jordan ⁷against the strong habitation: ⁸but I will suddenly make them run away from her; and whoso is chosen, him will I

¹ Heb. *boastings*.

² Heb. *terrors*.

³ See Isai. xiii. 13—22.

⁴ Heb. *howling creatures*.

⁵ Ch. xlix. 19—21.

⁶ Or, *swelling*.

⁷ Or, *unto the permanent pastures*.

⁸ Or, *for I will suddenly drive them away*.

appoint over her : for who is like me ? and who will appoint me a time ? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me ? Therefore hear ye ⁴⁵ the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon ; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans : Surely ¹they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock ; surely he shall make their ²habitation desolate with them. At ⁴⁶ the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations.

¹ Or, *the little ones of the flock shall drag them away*

² Or, *pastures*

Thus saith the LORD : Behold, I will raise up ¹ **51** against Babylon, and against them that dwell in ² Leb-kamai, ³ a destroying wind. And I will send unto Babylon ⁴ strangers, that shall fan her, and they shall empty her land ; for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round⁵ about. ⁶ Against him that bendeth let the archer bend ³ his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up, in his coat of mail : and spare ye not her young men ; ⁷ destroy ye utterly all her host. And ⁴ they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his ⁵ God, of the LORD of hosts ; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and ⁸ save every ⁶ man his life ; be not cut off in her iniquity ; for it is the time of the LORD's vengeance ; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath ⁷ been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken : the nations have drunk of her wine ; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed : ⁸ howl for her ; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed ⁹ Babylon, but she is not healed : forsake her, and

³ That is, *the heart of them that rise up against me*

⁴ Or, *the spirit of a destroyer*

⁵ Or, *fanners*

⁶ Or, *according to some ancient authorities, Let not the archer bend his bow, and let him not lift himself up &c.*

⁷ Or, *devote ye all, &c.*

⁸ Or, *deliver every man his soul*

- let us go every one into his own country: for her judgement reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God. Make ¹sharp the arrows; ²hold firm the ³shields: the LORD hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his device is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple. Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, the measure of thy ⁴covetousness. The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with the cankerworm; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.
- ⁵He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he hath stretched out the heavens: when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. Every man ⁶is become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, a work of ⁷delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things: and *Israel* is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name.

¹ Or, bright
Heb. clean.

² Heb. fill.

³ Or, suits of
armour

⁴ Or, dishonest
gain

⁵ See x. 12—
16.

⁶ Or, is too
brutish to
know

⁷ Or, mockery

¹ Or, *maul*

Thou art my ¹battle axe and weapons of war: ²⁰
 and with thee will I break in pieces the nations;
 and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with ²¹
 thee will I break in pieces the horse and his
 rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the ²²
 chariot and him that rideth therein; and with
 thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and
 with thee will I break in pieces the old man and
 the youth; and with thee will I break in pieces
 the young man and the maid; and with thee ²³
 will I break in pieces the shepherd and his
 flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the
 husbandman and his yoke *of oxen*; and with
 thee will I break in pieces ²governors and de-
 puties. And I will render unto Babylon and to ²⁴
 all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that
 they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the
 LORD.

² Or,
lieutenants

Behold, I am against thee, O destroying ²⁵
 mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all
 the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand
 upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks,
 and will make thee a burnt mountain. And ²⁶
 they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
 nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be
 desolate for ever, saith the LORD. Set ye up a ²⁷
 standard in the land, blow the trumpet among
 the nations, ³prepare the nations against her,
 call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat,
 Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a marshal a-
 gainst her; cause the horses to come up as the
 rough cankerworm. ⁴Prepare against her the ²⁸
 nations, the kings of the Medes, the governors
 thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the
 land of his dominion. And the land trembleth ²⁹
 and ⁵shaketh: for the purposes of the LORD
 against Babylon do stand, to make the land of
 Babylon a desolation without inhabitant. The ³⁰

³ Heb.
*sanctify.*⁴ Heb.
*Sanctify.*⁵ Or, *is in*
pain

- mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they remain in their strongholds: their might hath failed; they are become as women; her dwellingplaces are set on fire; her bars are
 31 broken. One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every
 32 quarter: and the ¹passages are surprised, and the ²reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. ¹ Or, *fords*
² Or, *marshes*
Heb. *pools*.
- 33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall
 34 come for her. Nebucadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured ³me, he hath crushed ³me, he hath made ³me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed ³me up like a dragon, he hath filled his maw with my delicates; he hath cast
 35 ³me out. ⁴The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.
 36 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make
 37 her fountain dry. And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for jackals, an astonishment, and an hissing, without inhabitant.
 38 They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps. When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the
 40 LORD. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.
 41 How is Sheshach taken! and the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon

³ Another reading is, *us*.

⁴ Heb. *My wrong and my flesh*.

¹ Or, *an
astonishment*

² Or, *tumult*

³ Heb.
visit upon.

⁴ Or, *deliver
ye every man
his soul*

⁵ Or, *Both
Babylon is to
fall, O ye
slain of Israel,
and at &c.*

⁶ Or, *earth*

become ¹a desolation among the nations! The ⁴²
sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered
with the ²multitude of the waves thereof. Her ⁴³
cities are become ¹a desolation, a dry land, and
a desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither
doth any son of man pass thereby. And I ⁴⁴
will ³do judgement upon Bel in Babylon, and I
will bring forth out of his mouth that which he
hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not
flow together any more unto him: yea, the
wall of Babylon shall fall.

My people, go ye out of the midst of her, ⁴⁵
and ⁴save yourselves every man from the fierce
anger of the LORD. And let not your heart ⁴⁶
faint, neither fear ye for the rumour that shall
be heard in the land; for a rumour shall come
one year, and after that in another year *shall*
come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler
against ruler. Therefore, behold, the days ⁴⁷
come, that I will do judgement upon the graven
images of Babylon, and her whole land shall be
ashamed; and all her slain shall fall in the midst
of her. Then the heaven and the earth, and ⁴⁸
all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Baby-
lon; for the spoilers shall come unto her from
the north, saith the LORD. ⁵As Babylon hath ⁴⁹
caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon
shall fall the slain of all the ⁶land. Ye that ⁵⁰
have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still;
remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem
come into your mind. We are ashamed, be- ⁵¹
cause we have heard reproach; confusion hath
covered our faces: for strangers are come into
the sanctuaries of the LORD's house. Where- ⁵²
fore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that I will do judgement upon her graven
images; and through all her land the wounded
shall groan. Though Babylon should mount ⁵³

up to heaven, and though she should fortify
the height of her strength, yet from me shall
54 spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD. The
sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great
destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
55 For the LORD spoileth Babylon, and destroyeth
out of her the great voice; and their waves
roar like many waters, the noise of their voice
56 is uttered: for the spoiler is come upon her,
even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are
taken, their bows are broken in pieces: for the
LORD is a God of recompences, he shall surely
57 requite. And I will make drunk her princes
and her wise men, her governors and her
deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall
sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, saith the
58 King, whose name is the LORD of hosts. Thus
saith the LORD of hosts: ¹The broad walls of
Babylon shall be utterly ²overthrown, and her
high gates shall be burned with fire; ³and the
peoples shall labour for vanity, and the nations
for the fire; and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet com-
manded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son
of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the
king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year
of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief ⁴chamber-
lain. And Jeremiah wrote in ⁵a book all the
evil that should come upon Babylon, even all
these words that are written concerning Baby-
60 lon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When
thou comest to Babylon, ⁶then see that thou
61 read all these words, and say, O LORD, thou
hast spoken concerning this place, to cut it off,
that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor
beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.
62 And it shall be, when thou hast made an
end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind

¹ Or, *The walls of great Babylon*

² Or, *made bare*

³ See Hab. ii. 13.

⁴ Or, *quarter master*

⁵ Or, *one book*

⁶ Or, *and shalt see, and I read it, then shalt thou say it*

a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: and thou shalt say, Thus shall 64
Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

¹ 2 Kings
xxiv. 18.

¹ Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when **1 52**
he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight ²
of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the LORD ³
did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his ⁴
reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. So the ⁵
city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. In the fourth month, in the ⁶
ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then a breach was made ⁷
in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain. But the army of ⁸
the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then ⁹
they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of

- Hamath; and he ¹gave judgement upon him. ¹ Heb. *spoke judgement with him.*
- ¹⁰ And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all
- ¹¹ the princes of Judah in Riblah. And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.
- ¹² Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebucadrezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, which stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem: and he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even ²every great house burned he ² Or, *every great man's house*
- ¹⁴ with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.
- ¹⁵ Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest sort of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue
- ¹⁶ of the ³multitude. But Nebuzaradan the captain ³ Or, *artificers*
- ¹⁷ of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases and the brasen sea that were in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried all the brass
- ¹⁸ of them to Babylon. The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass where-
- ¹⁹ with they ministered, took they away. And the cups, and the firepans, and the basons, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold,

and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. The two ²⁰ pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brasen bulls that were under the bases, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. And ²¹ as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow. And a chapter of brass ²² was upon it; and the height of the one chapter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like unto these, and pomegranates. And there were ninety and six ²³ pomegranates ¹on the sides; all the pomegranates were an hundred upon the network round about. And the captain of the guard ²⁴ took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: and out of the city he took an officer ²⁵ that was set over the men of war; and seven men of them that saw the king's face, which were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. And Nebuzaradan the captain of the ²⁶ guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of ²⁷ Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. This is ²⁸ the people whom Nebucadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty: in the eighteenth ²⁹ year of Nebucadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two

¹ Or, on the outside Heb. towards the four winds.

30 persons: in the three and twentieth year of Nebucadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, 32 and brought him forth out of prison; and he spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in 33 Babylon. And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before him continually all the 34 days of his life. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

How doth she sit solitary, the city that was full ¹ 1
of people!

She is become as a widow!

She that was great among the nations, princess
among the provinces,

She is become tributary!

She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears ²
are on her cheeks;

Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort
her:

All her friends have dealt treacherously with
her,

They are become her enemies.

¹ Or, *exile* Judah is gone into ¹captivity because of afflic- ³
tion, and because of great servitude;

She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth
no rest:

All her persecutors overtook her within the
straits.

² Or, *appointed* The ways of Zion do mourn, because none ⁴
feast come to the ²solemn assembly;

All her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh:

Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in
bitterness.

Her adversaries are become the head, her ene- ⁵
mies prosper;

For the LORD hath afflicted her for the multi-
tude of her transgressions:

Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.

- 6 And from the daughter of Zion all her ¹ majesty is departed : ¹ Or, beauty

Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture,

And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

- 7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her affliction and of her wanderings

All her pleasant things that were from the days of old :

When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none did help her,

The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her ² desolations.

- 8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned ; therefore she ³ is become unclean : ² Or, sabbaths
Heb. ceasings.

All that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness : ³ Or, is
removed

Yea, she herself sigheth, and turneth backward.

- 9 Her filthiness is in her skirts ; she remembered not her latter end ;

Therefore is she come down wonderfully ; she hath no comforter :

Behold, O LORD, my affliction ; for the enemy hath magnified himself.

- 10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things :

For she hath seen that the heathen have entered into her sanctuary,

Concerning whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.

- 11 All her people sigh, they seek bread ;

They have given their pleasant things for meat to refresh the soul :

See, O LORD, and behold ; for I am become vile.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? 12

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like
unto my sorrow, which is done unto me,

¹ Or, *Whom
the LORD hath
afflicted*

¹Wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the
day of his fierce anger.

From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, 13
and it prevaieth against them :

He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath
turned me back ;

He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his 14
hand ;

They are knit together, they are come up upon
my neck ; he hath made my strength to
²fail :

² Heb.
stumble.

The Lord hath delivered me into their hands,

³against whom I am not able to stand.

³ Or, *from
whom I am
not able to
rise up*

The Lord hath set at nought all my mighty 15
men in the midst of me ;

He hath called a solemn assembly against me ,
to crush my young men :

⁴ Or, *the
winepress of
the virgin &c.*

The Lord hath trodden ⁴as in a winepress the
virgin daughter of Judah.

For these things I weep ; mine eye, mine eye 16
runneth down with water ;

Because the comforter that should refresh my
soul is far from me :

My children are desolate, because the enemy
hath prevailed,

Zion spreadeth forth her hands ; there is none 17
to comfort her ;

The LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob,
that his adversaries should be they that are
round about him :

Jerusalem is among them as a woman that is
unclean.

The LORD is righteous ; for I have rebelled 18
against his commandment :

Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my sorrow :

My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me :

My priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city,

While they sought them meat to refresh their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD ; for I am in distress ; my bowels are troubled ;

Mine heart is turned within me ; for I have grievously rebelled :

Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh ; there is none to comfort me ;

All mine enemies have heard of my trouble ; they are glad that thou hast done it :

Thou wilt bring the day that thou hast proclaimed, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee ;

And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions :

For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

2 1 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger !

He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel,

And hath not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied ;

He hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah ;

He hath brought them down to the ground :

He hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.

¹ Or,
every horn

He hath cut off in fierce anger ¹all the horn of 3
Israel ;

He hath drawn back his right hand from before
the enemy :

And he hath burned up Jacob like a flaming
fire, which devoureth round about.

He hath bent his bow like an enemy, he hath 4
stood with his right hand as an adversary,

And hath slain all that were pleasant to the eye :

² Or, *On*

²In the tent of the daughter of Zion he hath
poured out his fury like fire.

The Lord is become as an enemy, he hath 5
swallowed up Israel ;

He hath swallowed up all her palaces, he hath
destroyed his strong holds :

And he hath multiplied in the daughter of
Judah mourning and lamentation.

³ Or, *booth*
Or, hedge

And he hath violently taken away his ³taber- 6
nacle, as if it were of a garden ;

He hath destroyed his place of assembly :

⁴ Or, *ap-
pointed feast*

The LORD hath caused ⁴solemn assembly and
sabbath to be forgotten in Zion,

And hath despised in the indignation of his
anger the king and the priest.

The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath ab- 7
horred his sanctuary,

He hath given up into the hand of the enemy
the walls of her palaces :

They have made a noise in the house of the
LORD, as in the day of a solemn assembly.

The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of 8
the daughter of Zion ;

He hath stretched out the line, he hath not
withdrawn his hand from ⁵destroying :

⁵ Heb. *swal-
lowing up*.

But he hath made the rampart and wall to
lament ; they languish together.

Her gates are sunk into the ground ; he hath 9
destroyed and broken her bars :

- Her king and her princes are among the nations,
 where the law is not ;
 Yea, her prophets find no vision from the LORD.
 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the
 ground, they keep silence ;
 They have cast up dust upon their heads ; they
 have girded themselves with sackcloth :
 The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads
 to the ground.
 11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are
 troubled,
 My liver is poured upon the earth, for the ¹de- ¹ Or, *breach*
 struction of the daughter of my people ;
 Because the young children and the sucklings
 swoon in the streets of the city.
 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and
 wine ?
 When they swoon as the wounded in the streets
 of the city,
 When their soul is poured out into their mothers'
 bosom.
 13 What shall I ²testify unto thee ? what shall I ² Or, *take to*
 liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem ? *witness for*
 What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort *thee*
 thee, O virgin daughter of Zion ?
 For thy breach is great like the sea : who can
 heal thee ?
 14 Thy prophets have seen visions for thee of
 vanity and foolishness ;
 And they have not discovered thine iniquity, to
 bring again thy captivity :
 But have seen for thee burdens of vanity and
³causes of banishment. ³ Or, *things*
 15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee ; *to draw thee*
 They hiss and wag their head at the daughter *aside*
 of Jerusalem, *saying* :
 Is this the city that men called The perfection
 of beauty, The joy of the whole earth ?

All thine enemies have opened their mouth wide 16
against thee;

They hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We
have swallowed her up;

Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we
have found, we have seen it.

The LORD hath done that which he devised; 17

¹ Or, *finished* He hath 'fulfilled his word that he commanded
in the days of old;

He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied:

And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over
thee,

He hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

Their heart cried unto the Lord: 18

O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run
down like a river day and night;

Give thyself no respite; let not the apple of
thine eye cease.

Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of 19
the watches;

Pour out thine heart like water before the face
of the Lord:

Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy
young children,

That faint for hunger at the top of every *head*
street.

See, O LORD, and behold, to whom thou hast 20
done thus!

Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that
are dandled in the hands?

Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the
sanctuary of the Lord?

The youth and the old man lie on the ground in 21
the streets;

My virgins and my young men are fallen by the
sword:

Thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger;
thou hast slaughtered, *and* not pitied.

22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, ¹my terrors on every side, ¹ See Jer. vi.
 And there was none that escaped or remained ²⁵
 in the day of the LORD'S anger :
 Those that I have dandled and brought up hath
 mine enemy consumed.

3 ¹ I am the man that hath seen affliction by the
 rod of his wrath.
 2 He hath led me, and caused me to walk in
 darkness, ²and not in light. ² Or, without
 3 Surely against me he turneth his hand again ^{light}
 and again all the day.
 4 My flesh and my skin hath he ³made old; he ³ Or, worn out
 hath broken my bones.
 5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me
 with gall and travail.
 6 He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as
 those that have been long dead.
 7 He hath fenced me about, that I cannot go
 forth; he hath made my chain heavy.
 8 Yea, when I cry and call for help, he shutteth
 out my prayer.
 9 He hath fenced up my ways with hewn stone,
 he hath made my paths crooked.
 10 He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a
 lion in secret places.
 11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me
 in pieces; he hath made me desolate.
 12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark
 for the arrow.
 13 He hath caused the ⁴shafts of his quiver to ⁴ Heb. *am*
 enter into my reins.
 14 I am become a derision to all my people; and
 their song all the day.
 15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath
 sated me with wormwood.

He hath also broken my teeth with gravel 16
stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

¹ Or, *cast off* And thou hast ¹removed my soul far off from 17
peace; I forgot prosperity.

And I said, My strength is perished, and mine 18
expectation from the LORD.

² Or, *wandering* Or, *out-* Remember mine affliction and my ²misery, 19
cast state the wormwood and the gall.

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is 20
bowed down within me.

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 21

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not 22
consumed, because his compassions fail
not.

They are new every morning; great is thy 23
faithfulness.

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; 24
therefore will I hope in him.

The LORD is good unto them that wait for 25
him, to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should hope and quietly 26
wait for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in 27
his youth.

³ Or, *He* ³Let him sit alone and keep silence, because 28
sitteth alone he hath laid it upon him.
&c.

(vv. 28—30). Let him put his mouth in the dust; if so be 29
there may be hope.

Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth 30
him; let him be filled full with reproach.

For the Lord will not cast off for ever. 31

For though he cause grief, yet will he have 32
compassion according to the multitude of his
mercies.

⁴ Heb. *from* For he doth not afflict ⁴willingly, nor grieve 33
his heart. the children of men.

To crush under foot all the prisoners of the 34
earth,

- 35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face
 of the Most High,
 36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord ¹ap- ¹ Heb. *seeth*
 proveth not. *not.*
 37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass,
 when the Lord commandeth it not?
 38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh
 there not evil and good?
 39 ²Wherefore doth a living man complain, ² Or, *Where-*
 for the punishment of his sins? *fore...com-*
 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn *plain? a man*
 again to the LORD. *should com-*
 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto *plain for his*
 God in the heavens. *sins*
 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled;
 thou hast not pardoned.
 43 Thou hast ⁴covered with anger and pursued ⁴ Or, *covered*
 us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. *thyself*
 44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our*
 prayer should not pass through.
 45 Thou hast made us *as* the off-scouring and re-
 fuse in the midst of the peoples.
 46 All our enemies have opened their mouth
 wide against us.
 47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, ⁵devastation ⁵ Or, *tumult*
 and destruction.
 48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water,
 for the destruction of the daughter of my
 people.
 49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not,
 without any intermission,
 50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.
 51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the
 daughters of my city.
 52 They have chased me sore like a bird, that
 are mine enemies without cause.
 53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and
 have cast a stone upon me.

Waters flowed over mine head ; I said, I am 54
cut off.

I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the 55
lowest dungeon.

Thou heardest my voice ; hide not thine ear at 56
my breathing, at my cry.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called 57
upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not.

O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my 58
soul ; thou hast redeemed my life.

O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong ; judge thou 59
my cause.

Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all 60
their devices against me.

Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, and 61
all their devices against me ;

The lips of those that rose up against me, and 62
their imagination against me all the day.

Behold thou their sitting down, and ¹their ⁶³
rising up ; I am their song.

Thou wilt render unto them a recompence, O 64
LORD, according to the work of their hands.

¹ Or, blindness
Heb. covering.

Thou wilt give them ¹hardness of heart, thy 65
curse unto them.

Thou wilt pursue them in anger and destroy 66
them from under the heavens of the LORD.

How is the gold become dim!

1 4

How is the most pure gold changed!

The stones of the sanctuary are poured out

At the top of every street.

² Heb. that
may be weigh-
ed against.

The precious sons of Zion, ²comparable to fine 2
gold,

How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers,

The work of the hands of the potter!

Even the jackals draw out the breast,

3

They give suck to their young ones:

The daughter of my people is become cruel,

- Like the ostriches in the wilderness.
 4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth
 To the roof of his mouth for thirst:
 The young children ask bread,
 And no man breaketh it unto them.
 5 They that did feed delicately
 Are desolate in the streets:
 They that were brought up in scarlet
 Embrace dunghills.
 6 For ¹the iniquity of the daughter of my people
 Is greater than ²the sin of Sodom,
 That was overthrown as in a moment,
 And no hands ³were laid upon her.
 7 Her ⁴nobles were purer than snow,
 They were whiter than milk,
 They were more ruddy in body than ⁵rubies,
 Their polishing was as of sapphire:
 8 Their visage is ⁶blacker than a coal;
 They are not known in the streets:
 Their skin cleaveth to their bones;
 It is withered, it is become like a stick.
 9 They that be slain with the sword are better
 Than they that be slain with hunger;
 For these ⁷pine away, stricken through,
 For want of the fruits of the field.
 10 The hands of the pitiful women
 Have sodden their own children;
 They were their meat
 In the destruction of the daughter of my people.
 11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury,
 He hath poured out his fierce anger;
 And he hath kindled a fire in Zion,
 Which hath devoured the foundations thereof.
 12 The kings of the earth believed not,
 Neither all the inhabitants of the world,
 That the adversary and the enemy should
 enter
 Into the gates of Jerusalem.

¹ Or, the
 punishment of
 the iniquity

² Or, the
 punishment of
 the sin

³ Or, fell
² Sam. iii. 29.

⁴ Or, Nazirites

⁵ Or, corals

⁶ Heb. darker
 than blackness.

⁷ Heb. flow
 away.

It is because of the sins of her prophets, 13
And the iniquities of her priests,
 That have shed the blood of the just in the
 midst of her.

They wander as blind men in the streets, 14
 They are polluted with blood,
 So that men cannot touch their garments.
 Depart ye, they cried unto them, Unclean! 15
 depart, depart, touch not,

¹ Or, *Yea* ¹When they fled away and wandered;

Men said among the nations,
 They shall no more sojourn *here*.

² Heb. *face*. The ²anger of the LORD hath divided them; 16
 He will no more regard them:

They respected not the persons of the priests,
 They favoured not the elders.

Our eyes do yet fail *in looking* for our vain help: 17
 In our watching we have watched
 For a nation that could not save.

They hunt our steps, 18

That we cannot go in our streets:

Our end is near, our days are fulfilled;

For our end is come.

Our pursuers were swifter 19

Than the eagles of the heaven:

They chased us upon the mountains,

They laid wait for us in the wilderness.

The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the 20
 LORD,

Was taken in their pits;

Of whom we said,

Under his shadow we shall live among the
 nations.

Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, 21

That dwellest in the land of Uz:

The cup shall pass through unto thee also;

Thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself
 naked.

- 22 ¹The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished;
 He will no more carry thee away into captivity:
 He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom;
 He will discover thy sins.
- 5 ¹ Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us:
 Behold, and see our reproach.
² Our inheritance is turned unto strangers,
 Our houses unto aliens.
³ We are orphans and fatherless,
 Our mothers are as widows.
⁴ We have drunken our water for money;
 Our wood ²is sold unto us.
⁵ Our pursuers are upon our necks:
 We are weary, and have no rest.
⁶ We have given the hand to the Egyptians,
 And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
⁷ Our fathers have sinned, and are not;
 And we have borne their iniquities.
⁸ Servants rule over us:
 There is none to rescue us out of their hand.
⁹ We get our bread with the peril of our lives
 Because of the sword of the wilderness.
¹⁰ Our skin is ³black like an oven
 Because of the ⁴burning heat of famine.
¹¹ They ravished the women in Zion,
 The maidens in the cities of Judah.
¹² Princes were hanged up by their hand:
 The faces of elders were not honoured.
¹³ The young men bare the mill,
 And the children stumbled under the wood.
¹⁴ The elders have ceased from the gate,
 The young men from their music.
¹⁵ The joy of our heart is ceased;
 Our dance is turned into mourning.

¹ Or, *Thine iniquity hath an end, O daughter of Zion*

² Heb. *cometh for price.*

³ Or, *hot*

⁴ Or, *terrors Or storms*

The crown is fallen from our head: 16

Woe unto us! for we have sinned.

For this our heart is faint; 17

For these things our eyes are dim;

For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate; 18

¹ Or, *jackals*

The ¹foxes walk upon it.

² Or, *sittest*
as king

Thou, O LORD, ²abidest for ever; 19

Thy throne is from generation to generation.

Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, 20

And forsake us so long time?

Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall 21
be turned;

Renew our days as of old:

³ Or, *But*

³Unless thou hast utterly rejected us, 22

And art very wroth against us.

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EZEKIEL.

- 1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year,
in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the
month, as I was among the ¹captives by the
river Chebar, that the heavens were opened,
2 and I saw visions of God. In the fifth day
of the month, which was the fifth year of king
3 Jehoiachin's captivity, the word of the LORD
came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son
of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the
river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was
4 there upon him. And I looked, and, behold,
a stormy wind came out of the north, a great
cloud, with a fire ²infoling itself, and a bright-
ness round about it, and out of the midst thereof
³as the colour of ⁴amber, out of the midst of the
5 fire. And out of the midst thereof came the
likeness of four living creatures. And this was
their appearance; they had the likeness of a
6 man. And every one had four faces, and every
7 one of them had four wings. And their feet
were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was
like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled
8 like the colour of burnished brass. And they
had the hands of a man under their wings on
their four sides: and they four had their faces
9 and their wings *thus*; their wings were joined
one to another; they turned not when they

¹ Heb. *cap-*
tivity.

² Or, *flashing*
continually

³ Or, *as amber*
to look upon

⁴ Or, *electrum*

went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they had the 10 face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle. ¹And their faces and 11 their wings were separate above; two *wings* of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every 12 one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. ²As for the likeness of the living crea- 13 tures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; it went up and down among the living creatures: and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went 14 forth lightning. And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. Now as I beheld the living crea- 15 tures, behold one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces thereof. The appearance of the wheels and 16 their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel ³within a wheel. When they went, they 17 went upon their four sides: they turned not when they went. As for their ⁴rings, they 18 were high and dreadful; and they four had their rings full of eyes round about. And when 19 the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they 20 went; thither was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up ⁵beside them; for the spirit ⁶of the living creature was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when those 21

¹ Or, *Thus were their faces; and their wings were &c.*

² The LXX has *And in the midst of the living creatures was an appearance &c.*

³ Heb. *in the midst of.*

⁴ Or, *felloes*

⁵ Or, *over against*

⁶ Or, *of life*

- stood, these stood ; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up ¹over against them : for the spirit ²of the living creature was in the wheels. And over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, like the colour of the terrible ³crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other : every one had two which covered ⁴on this side, and every one had two which covered ⁴on that side, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an host : when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads : when they stood, they let down their wings. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone : and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above.
- And I saw as the colour of ⁵amber, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward ; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about ⁶him. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.
- And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto

¹ Or, together with
² Or, of life

³ Or, ice

⁴ Or, for them

⁵ See ver. 4.

⁶ Or, it

¹ Or, unto
whom I send
thee

me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto 3 me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. And the children are 4 impudent and stiffhearted; ¹I do send thee unto them: and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether 5 they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of 6 them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt 7 speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear 8 what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, 9 behold, an hand was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. And he said 1 3 unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused 2 me to eat the roll. And he said unto me, Son 3 of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

- 4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go,
 get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak
 5 with my words unto them. For thou art not
 sent to a people ¹of a strange speech and of an
 6 hard language, but to the house of Israel; not
 to many peoples of a strange speech and of an
 hard language, whose words thou canst not
 understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them,
 7 they would hearken unto thee. But the house
 of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they
 will not hearken unto me: for all the house
 of Israel are of an hard forehead and of a stiff
 8 heart. Behold, I have made thy face hard
 against their faces, and thy forehead hard against
 9 their foreheads. As an adamant harder than
 flint have I made thy forehead: fear them
 not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though
 10 they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said
 unto me, Son of man, all my words that I
 shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart,
 11 and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee
 to them of the captivity, unto the children of
 thy people, and speak unto them, and tell
 them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they
 will hear, or whether they will forbear.
- 12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard
 behind me the voice of a great rushing, *saying*,
 Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place.
- 13 And *I heard* the noise of the wings of the living
 creatures as they ²touched one another, and the
 noise of the wheels ³beside them, even the noise
 14 of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up,
 and took me away: and I went in bitterness, in
 the heat of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD
 15 was strong upon me. Then I came to them of
 the captivity at Tel-abib, that ⁴dwelt by the river
 Chebar, ⁵and to where they ⁴dwelt; and I sat
 there astonished among them seven days.

¹ Heb. *deep of
lip and heavy
of tongue.*

² Or, *kissed*

³ Or, *over
against*

⁴ Or, *sat*

⁵ Another
reading is,
*and I sat
where they
sat.*

And it came to pass at the end of seven 16
days, that the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a 17
watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore
hear the word at my mouth, and give them
warning from me. When I say unto the 18
wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest
him not warning, nor speakest to warn the
wicked from his wicked way, to save his life;
the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity;
but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet 19
if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from
his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he
shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered
thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth 20
turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity,
and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall
die: because thou hast not given him warning,
he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds
which he hath done shall not be remembered;
but his blood will I require at thine hand.
Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, 21
that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin,
he shall surely live, because he took warning;
and thou hast delivered thy soul.

And the hand of the LORD was there upon 22
me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into
the ¹plain, and I will there talk with thee.
Then I arose, and went forth into the ¹plain: 23
and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there,
as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar:
and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered 24
into me, and set me upon my feet; and he
spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thy-
self within thine house. But thou, son of man, 25
behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and
shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not
go out among them: and I will make thy tongue 26

¹ Or, valley

cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover :
 27 for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God : He that heareth, let him hear ; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear : for they are a rebellious house.

- 4 1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it
 2 a city, even Jerusalem : and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mount against it ; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about.
 3 And take thou unto thee an iron ¹pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city : ^{1 Or, flat plate} and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
 4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it : *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.
 5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days : so shalt thou bear
 6 the iniquity of the house of Israel. And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah : forty days, each day for
 7 a year, have I appointed it unto thee. And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered ; and thou
 8 shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast
 9 accomplished the days of thy siege. Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and

beans, and lentiles, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be ¹⁰ by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. And thou shalt drink ¹¹ water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. And thou ¹² shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man. And the LORD said, Even thus shall the ¹³ children of Israel eat their bread as an unclean thing, among the nations whither I will drive them. Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, ¹⁴ my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. Then he said unto me, See, I have ¹⁵ given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon. More- ¹⁶ over he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with carefulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: that they may want ¹⁷ bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp ¹ 5 sword, as a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and ¹ divide the hair. A third ² part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite with

¹ Heb. *divide them.*

- the sword round about it ; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. And thou shalt take ¹thereof ¹ Heb. *thence*. a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.
- And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire ; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.
- Thus saith the Lord God : This is Jerusalem : I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her. And she hath ²rebelled against my judgements in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are round about her : for they have rejected my judgements, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. Therefore thus saith the Lord God : Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgements, neither have done after the ³ordinances ³ Heb. *judgements*. of the nations that are round about you ; therefore thus saith the Lord God : Behold, I, even I, am against thee ; and I will execute judgements in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.
- Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers ; and I will execute judgements in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds. Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also ⁴withdraw mine eye that it shall not spare, and I also will have no pity. A third part of thee ⁴ Or, *diminish thee ; neither shall mine eye spare,*

shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, ¹³ and I will ¹satisfy my fury ²upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury upon them. Moreover I ¹⁴ will make thee a desolation and a reproach, among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be ¹⁵ a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgements in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it. When I shall send ¹⁶ upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread: and I will ¹⁷ send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **6** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the ² mountains of Israel, and prophesy ³unto them, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word ³ of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ⁴water-courses, and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall become ⁴ desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. And I will lay the carcases of the ⁵

¹ Heb. *bring to rest.*

² Or, *toward*

³ Or, *against*

⁴ Or, *ravines*

- children of Israel before their idols ; and I will
 6 scatter your bones round about your altars. In
 all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid
 waste, and the high places shall be desolate ;
 that your altars may be laid waste and ¹made
 desolate, and your idols may be broken and
 cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down,
 7 and your works may be ²abolished. And the
 slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall
 8 know that I am the LORD. Yet will I leave a
 remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape
 the sword among the nations, when ye shall be
 9 scattered through the countries. And they that
 escape of you shall remember me among the
 nations whither they shall be carried captives,
 how that ³I have been broken with their whorish
 heart, which hath departed from me, and with
 their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols :
 and they shall loathe themselves in their own
 sight for the evils which they have committed
 10 in all their abominations. And they shall know
 that I am the LORD : I have not said in vain
 that I would do this evil unto them.
- 11 Thus saith the Lord GOD : Smite with thine
 hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas !
 because of all the evil abominations of the house
 of Israel : for they shall fall by the sword, by the
 12 famine, and by the pestilence. He that is far
 off shall die of the pestilence ; and he that is
 near shall fall by the sword ; and he that re-
 maineth and is ⁴besieged shall die by the famine :
 thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.
- 13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when
 their slain men shall be among their idols round
 about their altars, upon every high hill, in all
 the tops of the mountains, and under every
 green tree, and under every thick ⁵oak, the
 place where they did offer sweet savour to all

¹ Or, bear
their guilt

² Heb. blotted
out.

³ Or, accord-
ing to most of
the ancient
versions, I
have broken
their &c.

⁴ Or, pre-
served

⁵ Or, terebinth

their idols. And I will stretch out my hand ¹⁴ upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, ¹from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹ Or, *more than*

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto ¹ 7 me, saying, And thou, son of man, thus saith ² the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel, An end: the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end upon thee, and I will ³ send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye ⁴ shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

² Or, *The turn*
Or, *The crowning time*

³ Or, *from*

Thus saith the Lord GOD: An evil, an only ⁵ evil, behold, it cometh. An end is come, ⁶ the end is come, it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh. ²Thy doom is come unto thee, O in- ⁷ habitant of the land: the time is come, the day is near; *a day of* tumult, and not *of* joyful shouting, ³upon the mountains. Now will I ⁸ shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine ⁹ eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring upon thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I the LORD do smite. Behold the day, behold, it cometh: ⁴thy doom ¹⁰ is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod ¹¹ of wickedness; ⁵none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: ⁶neither shall there be ⁶eminency among them.

⁴ See ver. 7.

⁵ Or, *not from them, nor from their multitude, nor from their wealth*

⁶ Or, *wailing for them*

- 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let
 not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for
 13 wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. For
 the seller shall not return to that which is sold,
¹although they be yet alive: for the vision is
 touching the whole multitude thereof, ²none
 shall return; neither shall any strengthen him-
 14 self ³in the iniquity of his life. They have blown
 the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none
 goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all
 15 the multitude thereof. The sword is without,
 and the pestilence and the famine within: he
 that is in the field shall die with the sword; and
 he that is in the city, famine and pestilence
 16 shall devour him. But they that escape of
 them shall escape, and shall be on the moun-
 tains like doves of the valleys, all of them
 17 mourning, every one in his iniquity. All hands
 shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as
 18 water. They shall also gird themselves with
 sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and
 shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness
 19 upon all their heads. They shall cast their
 silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as
 an unclean thing: their silver and their gold
 shall not be able to deliver them in the day of
 the wrath of the LORD; they shall not satisfy
 their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it
 hath been the stumblingblock of their iniquity.
 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, ⁴he set it in
 majesty: but they made the images of their
 abominations *and* their detestable things ⁵there-
 in: therefore have I made it unto them as an
 21 unclean thing. And I will give it into the
 hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the
 wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall
 22 profane it. My face will I turn also from them,
 and they shall profane my ⁶secret *place*: and

¹ Heb. *though their life be yet among the living.*

² Or, *it shall not turn back*

³ Or, *whose life is in his iniquity*

⁴ Or, *they turned it to pride; and they &c.*

⁵ Or, *thereof*

⁶ Or, *secret treasure*

robbers shall enter into it, and profane it. Make the chain: for the land is full of ¹bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and ²their holy places shall be profaned. ³Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹ Heb. *judgement of blood.*

² Or, *they that sanctify them*

³ Or, *Distress*

And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire: and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, ⁴as the colour of ⁵amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the ⁶appearance that I saw in the plain. Then said he unto me,

⁴ Or, *as amber to look upon*

⁵ See ch. i. 4.

⁶ Or, *vision*

Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the
 6 entry. And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, ¹that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but ²thou shalt again see yet other great
 7 abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a
 8 hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had
 9 digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and
 10 saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round
 11 about. And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and the odour of the cloud of incense
 12 went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us
 13 not; the LORD hath forsaken the ³earth. He said also unto me, Thou shalt again see yet
 14 other great abominations which they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for
 15 Tammuz. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? thou shalt again see
 16 yet greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's

¹ Or, to get them far off

² Or, turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations So also in vv. 13, 15.

³ Or, land

house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, ¹⁷ Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye ¹⁸ shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, ¹ ⁹ saying, ¹ Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came ² from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his ²slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn ³by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of ³ Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side. And the LORD ⁴ said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in ⁵ my hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay ⁴utterly the old man, the young ⁶

¹ Or, Draw ye near that &c.

² Or, battle-axe

³ Heb. upon his loins.

⁴ Heb. to destruction.

man and the maiden, and little children and women : but come not near any man upon whom is the mark ; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before
 7 the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain : go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote in the
 8 city. And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God ! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring
 9 out of thy fury upon Jerusalem ? Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of *'wresting of judgement :* <sup>1 Or, perverse-
ness</sup> for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the
 10 ^{2 Or, land} *earth*, and the LORD seeth not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon
 11 their head. And behold, the man clothed in linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

10 1 Then I looked, and behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
 2 And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling *wheels*, even under the cherub, and fill both thine hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and
 3 ^{3 Or, sprinkle} scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in ; and
 4 the cloud filled the inner court. And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house ; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court

was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of ¹God Almighty when he speaketh. And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling *wheels*, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was ²as the colour of a ³beryl stone. And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been ⁴within a wheel. When they went, they went ⁵upon their four sides: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had. As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the whirling *wheels*. And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels

¹ Heb. *El-shaddai*.

² See ch. i. 4.

³ Or, *stone of Tarshish*

⁴ Heb. *in the midst of*.

⁵ Or, *towards*

- 17 also turned not from beside them. When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit ¹of
 18 the living creature was in them. And the glory of the LORD went forth from over the threshold
 19 of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels ²beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was
 20 over them above. This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim.
 21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a
 22 man was under their wings. And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.
- 11 ¹ Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the
 2 people. And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that give
 3 wicked counsel in this city: which say, ³*The time* is not near to build houses: this *city* is the
 4 caldron, and we be the flesh. Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.
 5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith the LORD: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I
 6 know the things that come into your mind. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye

¹ Or, of life
See ch. i. 21.

² Or, over
against

³ Or, Is not
the time near?

have filled the streets thereof with the slain. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Your slain 7 whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this *city* is the caldron: but ¹ye shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. Ye 8 have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD. And I 9 will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgements among you. Ye 10 shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. This *city* shall not be your caldron, 11 neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye 12 shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed my judgements, but have done after the 13 ordinances of the nations that are round about you. And it came to pass, when I prophesied, 14 that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 14 saying, Son of man, thy brethren, even thy 15 brethren, the men of thy ³kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, *are they* unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD; unto us is this land given for a possession: therefore say, Thus saith the 16 Lord GOD: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, ⁴yet will I be to them ⁵a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are come. Therefore say, 17 Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of

¹ Another reading is, *I will bring you.*

² Heb. *judgements.*

³ Heb. *redemption.* See Lev. xxv. 25, &c.

⁴ Or, *yet have I been*
Or, *and have been*

⁵ Or, *as a little sanctuary*

- the countries where ye have been scattered, and
 18 I will give you the land of Israel. And they
 shall come thither, and they shall take away all
 the detestable things thereof and all the abo-
 19 minations thereof from thence. And I will give
 them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within
 you; and I will take the stony heart out of
 their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep
 mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall
 21 be my people, and I will be their God. But as
 for them whose heart walketh after the heart of
 their detestable things and their abominations, I
 will bring their way upon their own heads, saith
 22 the Lord God. Then did the cherubim lift up
 their wings, and the wheels were ¹beside them; ¹ Or, *over*
 and the glory of the God of Israel was over them ^{against}
 23 above. And the glory of the LORD went up
 from the midst of the city, and stood upon the
 mountain which is on the east side of the city.
 24 And the spirit lifted me up, and brought me in
 the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to
 them of the captivity. So the vision that I had
 25 seen went up from me. Then I spake unto
 them of the captivity all the things that the
 LORD had shewed me.
- 12 1 The word of the LORD also came unto me,
 2 saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst
 of the rebellious house, which have eyes to see,
 and see not, which have ears to hear, and hear
 3 not; for they are a rebellious house. Therefore,
 thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for ²removing, ² Or, *exile*
 and remove by day in their sight; and thou
 shalt remove from thy place to another place
 in their sight: it may be they will ³consider, ³ Or, *perceive*
 4 though they be a rebellious house. And thou ^{that they are}
 shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight,
 as stuff for ²removing: and thou shalt go forth

thyself at even in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. Dig thou through the wall in 5 their sight, and carry out thereby. In their sight 6 shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel. And 7 I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bare it upon my shoulder in their sight. And in the 8 morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, 9 the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord 10 God: This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel ¹among whom they are. Say, I am your sign: like as I have 11 done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall go into exile, into captivity. And the prince 12 that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the ²ground with his eyes. My net also will I 13 spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. And I will scatter 14 toward every wind all that are round about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. And they shall know 15 that I am the LORD, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. But I will leave a few men of 16 them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their

¹ Or, *that are among them*

² Or, *land*

abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

17. Moreover the word of the LORD came to me,
18 saying, Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking,
and drink thy water with trembling and with
19 carefulness; and say unto the people of the land,
Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from ¹all that is therein, because of ¹Heb. *the fulness thereof.*
20 the violence of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

- 21 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
22 saying, Son of man, what is this proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are
23 prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the ²effect of every ²Heb. *word.*
24 vision. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house
25 of Israel. For I am the LORD; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

- 26 Again the word of the LORD came to me,
27 saying, Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of times that
28 are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord GOD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **13**
 saying, Son of man, prophesy^{*} against the pro- ²
 phets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto
 them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear
 ye the word of the LORD ; Thus saith the Lord ³
 GOD: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow
 their own spirit, ¹and have seen nothing! O ⁴
 Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in the
 waste places. Ye have not gone up into the ⁵
²gaps, neither made up the fence for the house
 of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the
 LORD. They have seen vanity and lying divin- ⁶
 ation, that say, The LORD saith; and the LORD
 hath not sent them: and they ³have made men
 to hope that the word should be confirmed.
 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye ⁷
 not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say,
 The LORD saith; albeit I have not spoken?

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Be- ⁸
 cause ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies,
 therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the
 Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be against ⁹
 the prophets that see vanity, and that divine
 lies: they shall not be in the ⁴council of my peo-
 ple, neither shall they be written in the ⁵writing
 of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter
 into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that
 I am the Lord GOD. Because, even because ¹⁰
 they have seduced my people, saying, Peace;
 and there is no peace; and when one buildeth up
⁶a wall, behold, they daub it with untempered
mortar: say unto them which daub it with un- ¹¹
 tempered *mortar*, that it shall fall: there shall
 be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great
 hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall
 rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall ¹²
 it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing
 wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus ¹³

¹ Or, and
 things which
 they have not
 seen

² Or, breaches

³ Or, have
 hoped

⁴ Or, secret

⁵ Or, register

⁶ Or, a slight
 wall

- saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered: and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Thus will I accomplish my fury upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *mortar*; and I will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; *to wit*, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.
- And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe to the women that sew pillows upon all ¹elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of *persons of every stature* to hunt souls! ²Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive ³for yourselves? And ye have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hearken unto lies. Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your pillows, ⁴wherewith ye there hunt the souls ⁵to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt ⁵to make *them* fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be

¹ Heb. *joints of the hands.*

² Or, *Ye hunt &c. and ye save &c.*

³ Or, *that are yours*

⁴ Or, *where ye hunt*

⁵ Or, *as birds*

hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Because with lies ye have grieved the heart ²² of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, ¹and be saved alive: therefore ye shall no more see ²³ vanity, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Then came certain of the elders of Israel ¹ 14 unto me, and sat before me. And the word of ² the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, ³ these men have ²taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, ⁴ and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Every man of the house of Israel that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him ³therein according to the multitude of his idols; that I may take the house of Israel in ⁵ their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. Therefore say ⁶ unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For every one of the house of ⁷ Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire ⁴for himself of me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: and I will set my face against that man, and ⁸ will make him an astonishment for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst

¹ Or, by promising him life

² Heb. caused to come up.

³ Or, according thereto
Another reading is he is come in the multitude &c.

⁴ Or, of him concerning me

- of my people; and ye shall know that I am the
 9 LORD. And if the prophet be deceived and
 speaketh a word, I the LORD have deceived
 that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand
 upon him, and will destroy him from the midst
 10 of my people Israel. And they shall bear
 their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall
 be even as the iniquity of him that seeketh unto
 11 him; that the house of Israel may go no more
 astray from me, neither defile themselves any
 more with all their transgressions; but that
 they may be my people, and I may be their
 God, saith the Lord GOD.
- 12 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
 13 saying, Son of man, when a land sinneth
 against me by committing a trespass, and I
 stretch out mine hand upon it, and break the
 staff of the bread thereof, and send famine
 upon it, and cut off from it man and beast;
 14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and
 Job, were in it, they should deliver but their
 own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord
 15 GOD. If I cause noisome beasts to pass through
 the land, and they ²spoil it, so that it be desolate,
 that no man may pass through because
 16 of the beasts; though these three men were
 in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall
 deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only
 shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.
- 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say,
³Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off
 18 from it man and beast; though these three
 men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD,
 they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters,
 but they only shall be delivered themselves.
- 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and
 pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut
 20 off from it man and beast: though Noah.

¹ Or, the punishment of their iniquity

² Or, bereave

³ Or, Let the sword go

Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. For thus saith the Lord GOD: How much more when I send my four sore judgements upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? Yet, behold, therein shall be left ¹a remnant ²² that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. And ²³ they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done ²without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **15** saying, Son of man, what is the vine tree ² more than any tree, the vine branch which ³is among the trees of the forest? Shall wood ³ be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel: the ⁴ fire had devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned; is it profitable for any work? Behold, when it was whole, it was ⁵ ⁴meet for no work: how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be ⁴meet for any work? Therefore thus ⁶ saith the Lord GOD: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so ⁵will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will set my face against ⁷ them; they ⁶shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that

¹ Heb. *they that escape.*

² Or, *in vain*

³ Or, *was*

⁴ Heb. *made into*

⁵ Or, *have I given*

⁶ Or, *have gone forth*

I am the LORD, when I set my face against
 8 them. And I will make the land desolate,
 because they have committed a trespass, saith
 the Lord GOD.

16 1 Again the word of the LORD came unto
 2 me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to
 3 know her abominations, and say, Thus saith
 the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem: ¹Thy birth and
 thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the
 4 Amorite was thy father, and thy mother was an
 Hittite. And as for thy nativity, in the day
 thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither
 wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee;
 thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

¹ Or, *Thine
origin*

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto
 thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou
 wast cast out in the open field, for that thy
 person was abhorred, in the day that thou wast
 6 born. And when I passed by thee, and saw
 thee weltering in thy blood, I said unto thee,
Though thou art in thy blood, live; yea, I said
 unto thee, *Though thou art in thy blood, live*.

7 I ²caused thee to multiply as the bud of the
 field, and thou didst increase and wax great,
 and thou attainedst to ³excellent ornament; thy
 breasts were fashioned, and thine hair was

² Heb, *made
thee a myriad.*

³ Heb, *orna-
ment of orna-
ments.*

8 grown; yet thou wast naked and bare. Now
 when I passed by thee, and looked upon
 thee, behold, thy time was the time of love;
 and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered
 thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and en-
 tered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord

9 GOD, and thou becamest mine. Then washed
 I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed
 away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee

10 with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered
 work, and shod thee with ⁴'badgers' skin, and I
⁵'girded thee about with fine linen, and covered

⁴ Or, *sealskin*

⁵ Or, *bound
thee with a tire
of fine linen*

thee with silk. I decked thee also with or- 11
 naments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands,
 and a chain on thy neck. And I put a ring 12
 upon thy nose, and earrings in thine ears,
 and a beautiful crown upon thine head. Thus 13
 wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy
 raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered
 work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and
 oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and
 thou didst prosper unto royal estate. And thy 14
 renown went forth among the nations for thy
 beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty
 which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.

But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and 15
 playedst the harlot because of thy renown,
 and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one
 that passed by; his it was. And thou didst 16
 take of thy garments, and madest for thee high
 places decked with divers colours, and playedst
 the harlot upon them: *the like things* shall not
 come, neither shall it be *so*. Thou didst also 17

¹ Or, *beautiful*
vessels

² Or, *male*
images

take thy ¹fair jewels of my gold and of my
 silver, which I had given thee, and madest for
 thee ²images of men, and didst play the harlot
 with them; and thou tookest thy brodered 18
 garments, and coveredst them, and didst set
 mine oil and mine incense before them. My 19
 bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil,
 and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst
 even set it before them for a sweet savour, and
thus it was; saith the Lord God. Moreover 20
 thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters,
 whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast
 thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured.

³ Or, *setting*
them apart
 Heb. *making*
them pass over.

Were thy whoredoms a small matter, that thou 21
 hast slain my children, and delivered them
 up, in ³causing them to pass through *the fire*
 unto them? And in all thine abominations and 22

thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and
 23 bare, and wast weltering in thy blood. And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe,
 24 woe unto thee! saith the Lord God,) that thou hast built unto thee ¹an eminent place, ¹ Or, a vaulted chamber
 and hast made thee a lofty place in every
 25 street. Thou hast built thy lofty place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multi-
 26 plied thy whoredom. Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians, thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whore-
 27 dom, to provoke me to anger. Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ²ordinary food, ² Or, allowance
 and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines,
 28 which are ashamed of thy lewd way. Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou wast
 29 not satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom ³in the land of Canaan, ³ Or, unto the land of traffic
 unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied
 30 herewith. How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish wo-
 31 man; in that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street; and hast not been
 32 as an harlot, ⁴in that thou scornest hire. A wife that committeth adultery! that taketh ⁴ Or, that scoffeth at her hire
 33 strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all harlots: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and bribest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms.

And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in 34
thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee to
commit whoredom: and whereas thou givest
hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore
thou art contrary.

Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the 35
LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thy 36

¹ Heb. *brass*. ¹filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness
discovered through thy whoredoms with thy
lovers; and because of all the idols of thy
abominations, and for the blood of thy children,
which thou didst give unto them; therefore 37
behold, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom
thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou
hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated;
I will even gather them against thee on every
side, and will discover thy nakedness unto them,
that they may see all thy nakedness. And I 38
will judge thee, as women that break wedlock
and shed blood are judged; and I will bring
upon thee the blood of fury and jealousy. I 39
will also give thee into their hand, and they
shall throw down thine eminent place, and break
down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee
of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels: and
they shall leave thee naked and bare. They 40
shall also bring up an assembly against thee,
and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust
thee through with their swords. And they 41
shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute
judgements upon thee in the sight of many
women; and I will cause thee to cease from
playing the harlot, and thou shalt also give no
hire any more. So will I ²satisfy my fury 42
³upon thee, and my jealousy shall depart from
thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more
angry. Because thou hast not remembered the 43
days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all

² Heb. *bring to rest*.

³ Or, *toward*

these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord God: and ¹thou shalt not commit *this* lewdness above all thine abominations. ¹ Or, *hast thou not committed &c...?*

- 44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As is the
 45 mother, so is her daughter. Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was an Hittite, and your
 46 father an Amorite. And thine elder sister is Samaria, that dwelleth at thy left hand, she and her daughters: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her
 47 daughters. Yet hast thou not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast more
 48 corrupt than they in all thy ways. As I live, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done,
 49 thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom; pride, fulness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the
 50 hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away ²as I saw *good*. ² Or, *when I saw it*
 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast
 52 done. Thou also, bear thine own shame in that thou hast given judgement for thy ³sisters; ³ Or, *sister* through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou also confounded, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy

sisters. And I will turn again their captivity, 53
the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and
the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and
the captivity of thy captives in the midst of
them: that thou mayest bear thine own shame, 54
and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou
hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.
And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, 55
shall return to their former estate, and Samaria
and her daughters shall return to their former
estate, and thou and thy daughters shall return
to your former estate. For thy sister Sodom 56
was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of
thy pride; before thy wickedness was dis- 57
covered, as at the time of the reproach of the
daughters of Syria, and of all that are round
about her, the daughters of the Philistines,
which do despite unto thee round about. Thou 58
hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations,
saith the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD: 59
I will even deal with thee as thou hast done,
which hast despised the oath in breaking the
covenant. Nevertheless I will remember my 60
covenant with thee in the days of thy youth,
and I will establish unto thee an everlasting
covenant. Then shalt thou remember thy 61
ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive
thy sisters, thine elder *sisters* and thy younger:
and I will give them unto thee for daughters,
but not by thy covenant. And I will establish 62
my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know
that I am the LORD: that thou mayest re- 63
member, and be confounded, and never open
thy mouth any more, because of thy shame;
when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast
done, saith the Lord GOD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 1 17
saying, Son of man, put forth a riddle, and 2

- 3 speak a parable unto the house of Israel; and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto
 4 Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs thereof, and carried it into ¹a land of traffic; he ¹Or, *the land of Canaan*
 5 set it in a city of merchants. He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in ²a fruitful soil; he placed it beside ³many waters; he set ²Heb. *a field of seed.*
 6 it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became ³Or, *great*
 a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought
 7 forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of its planta-
 8 tion, that he might water it. It was planted in a good ⁴soil by ³many waters, that it might ⁴Heb. *field.*
 bring forth branches, and that it might bear
 9 fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither; even without great power or much ⁵people to pluck ⁵Or, *people, plucking &c.*
 10 it up by the roots thereof? Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.
 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
 12 me, saying, Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and brought them to him to

¹ Heb. *lotw*.

Babylon; and he took of the seed royal, and ¹³
made a covenant with him; he also brought him
under an oath, and took away the mighty of the
land: that the kingdom might be ¹⁴¹base, that it
might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of
his covenant it might stand. But he rebelled ¹⁵
against him in sending his ambassadors into
Egypt, that they might give him horses and
much people. Shall he prosper? shall he
escape that doeth such things? shall he break
the covenant, and yet escape? As I live, saith ¹⁶
the Lord God, surely in the place where the
king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath
he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even
with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army ¹⁷
and great company make for him in the war,
when they cast up mounts and build forts, to cut
off many persons. For he hath despised ¹⁸
the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he
had given his hand, and yet hath done all these
things; he shall not escape. Therefore thus ¹⁹
saith the Lord God: As I live, surely mine oath
that he hath despised, and my covenant that he
hath broken, I will even bring it upon his own
head. And I will spread my net upon him, ²⁰
and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will
bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him
there for his trespass that he hath trespassed
against me. And all his fugitives in all his ²¹
bands shall fall by the sword, and they that re-
main shall be scattered toward every wind: and
ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it.

Thus saith the Lord God: I will also take of ²²
the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will
crop off from the topmost of his young twigs a
tender one, and I will plant it upon an high
mountain and eminent: in the mountain of the ²³

height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

- 18 ¹ The word of the LORD came unto me again, ² saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb ¹concerning the land of Israel, saying, The ¹ Or, in fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. But if a man be just, and do ²that ² Heb. judgement and righteousness. which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her separation, and hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath*spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; he that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgement between man and man, hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God. If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and ³that ³ Or, that doeth to a brother any of these doeth any one of these things, and that doeth

not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath ¹² spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, hath given forth ¹³ upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations: he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. Now, lo, if he beget ¹⁴ a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and ¹feareth, and doeth not such like, that hath not eaten upon the mountains, ¹⁵ neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath oppressed any, hath ¹⁶ not taken aught to pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, that hath withdrawn his hand from the ¹⁷ poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgements, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. As for his ¹⁸ father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die ²in his iniquity. Yet say ye, Wherefore doth not ¹⁹ the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. The soul that ²⁰ sinneth, it shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he ²¹

¹ According to another reading, *seeth*, or, *considereth*.

² Or, *for*

- hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall
 22 surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness
 23 that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord God: and not rather that he should re-
 24 turn from his way, and live? But when the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin
 25 that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way
 26 equal? are not your ways unequal? When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ¹and dieth ²therein; ³in his iniquity that he hath done shall he
 27 die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right,
 28 he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall
 29 surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways
 30 equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. ⁴Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; ⁴so iniquity shall not be your
 31 ⁵ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and

¹ Or, *he shall die*² Or, *because of it*³ Or, *for*⁴ Or, *so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you*⁵ Heb. *stumblingblock*.

make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I ³² have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the ¹ **19** princes of Israel, and say, What was thy mother? ² A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her whelps. And she brought up one of her whelps; he ³ became a young lion: and he learned to catch the prey, he devoured men. The nations also ⁴ heard of him; he was taken in their pit: and they brought him with hooks unto the land of Egypt. Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. And he went up and down among the lions, he ⁶ became a young lion: and he learned to catch the prey, he devoured men. And he knew ⁷ their ¹ palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, because of the noise of his roaring. Then the ⁸ nations set against him on every side from the provinces: and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. And they put him in ⁹ a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strong holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

² See ch. xvi. 6.
Or, in thy likeness

³ Heb. his.

⁴ Or, clouds

⁵ Heb. he was.

Thy mother was like a vine, ²in thy blood, ¹⁰ planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. And ¹¹ she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and ³their stature was exalted among the ⁴thick boughs, and ⁵they were seen in ³their height with the multitude of ³their branches. But she was plucked up in fury, she ¹²

was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit : her strong rods were broken
 13 off and withered ; the fire consumed them. And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry
 14 and thirsty land. And fire is gone out of ¹the ¹Or, a rod
 rods of her branches, it hath devoured her fruit, so that there is in her no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 ¹ And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of
 2 the LORD, and sat before me. And the word of
 3 the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto
 them, Thus saith the Lord GOD : Are ye come
 4 to inquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord
 GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. Wilt
 thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge
 them? cause them to know the abominations of
 5 their fathers ; and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD : In the day when I chose
 Israel, I lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known
 unto them in the land of Egypt ; yea, I lifted
 up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the
 6 LORD your God ; in that day I lifted up mine
 hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for
 them, flowing with milk and honey, which is
 7 the glory of all lands : and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of
 his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols
 8 of Egypt ; I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken
 unto me ; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they
 forsake the idols of Egypt : then I said I would

pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, 9 that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. So I 10 caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and ¹shewed 11 them my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live ²in them. Moreover also I gave them 12 my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that ³I am the LORD that sanctify them. But the house of 13 Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live ²in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it 14 should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. Moreover also I lifted up my hand unto them in 15 the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; because they rejected my judgements, 16 and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless mine eye spared them 17 from destroying them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness. And I said 18 unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgements, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the LORD your God; 19

¹ Heb. *made them to know.*

² Or, *by*

³ Or, *I the LORD do sanctify them*

- walk in my statutes, and keep my judgements,
 20 and do them; and hallow my sabbaths; and
 they shall be a sign between me and you, that
 ye may know that I am the LORD your God.
 21 But the children rebelled against me: they
 walked not in my statutes, neither kept my
 judgements to do them, which if a man do, he
 shall live ¹in them; they profaned my sabbaths: ¹Or, by
 then I said I would pour out my fury upon
 them, to accomplish my anger against them in
 22 the wilderness. Nevertheless I withdrew mine
 hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it
 should not be profaned in the sight of the
 nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.
 23 Moreover I lifted up mine hand unto them in
 the wilderness, that I would scatter them among
 the nations, and disperse them through the
 24 countries; because they had not executed my
 judgements, but had rejected my statutes, and
 had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were
 25 after their fathers' idols. Moreover also I gave
 them statutes that were not good, and judge-
 26 ments ²wherein they should not live; and I ²Or, whereby
 polluted them in their own gifts, in that they
³caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth ³Or, set apart
 the womb, that I might make them desolate, to ^{all}
 the end that they might know that I am the
 LORD.
 27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house
 of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the
 Lord GOD: In this moreover have your fathers
 blasphemed me, in that they have committed a
 28 trespass against me. For when I had brought
 them into the land, which I lifted up mine hand
 to give unto them, then they ⁴saw every high ⁴Or, looked out
 hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there ^{for}
 their sacrifices, and there they presented the
 provocation of their offering, there also they

¹ That is, *High place.*

made their sweet savour, and they poured out there their drink offerings. Then I said unto them, What meaneth the high place whereunto ye go? So the name thereof is called ¹Bamah unto this day. Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and go ye a whoring after their abominations? and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you: and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all; in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I be king over you: and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out: and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD: Go ye, serve every

- one his idols, ¹and hereafter also, if ye will not
 hearken unto me : but my holy name shall ye
 no more profane with your gifts, and with your
 40 idols. For in mine holy mountain, in the moun-
 tain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD,
 there shall all the house of Israel, all of them,
 serve me in the land : there will I accept them,
 and there will I require your offerings, and the
 2firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy
 41 things. As a sweet savour will I accept you,
 when I bring you out from the peoples, and
 gather you out of the countries wherein ye have
 been scattered ; and I will be sanctified in you
 42 in the sight of the nations. And ye shall know
 that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you
 into the land of Israel, into the country which I
 lifted up mine hand to give unto your fathers.
 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all
 your doings, wherein ye have polluted your-
 selves ; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your
 own sight for all your evils that ye have com-
 44 mitted. And ye shall know that I am the LORD,
 when I have wrought with you for my name's
 sake, not according to your evil ways, nor ac-
 cording to your corrupt doings, O ye house of
 Israel, saith the Lord GOD.
- 45 And the word of the LORD came unto me, [Ch. xxi. 1 in
 46 saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the Heb.]
 south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and
 prophesy against the forest of the field in the
 47 South ; and say to the forest of the South,
 Hear the word of the LORD ; Thus saith the
 Lord GOD : Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee,
 and it shall devour every green tree in thee,
 and every dry tree : the flaming flame shall not
 be quenched, and all faces from the south to the
 48 north shall be burnt thereby. And all flesh
 shall see that I the LORD have kindled it : it

¹ Or, *but here-
after surely ye
shall hearken
unto me, and
&c.*

² Or, *chief*

shall not be quenched. Then said I, Ah Lord ⁴⁹ GOD! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **21** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Jeru- ² salem, and drop *thy word* toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel, and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the ³ LORD: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the ⁴ righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: and all flesh ⁵ shall know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. Sigh therefore, thou son of man; ⁶ with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. And it ⁷ shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall **wax** feeble, and every spirit shall ¹faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

¹ Or, *be dim*

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ⁸ saying, Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus ⁹ saith the LORD: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished: it is sharpened ¹⁰ that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? ²the rod of my son, it contemneth every tree. And it is given to be furbished, that it ¹¹ may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yea, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. Cry and howl, son of man: for it is ¹²

² Or, *it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree*

- upon my people, it is upon all the princes of Israel: ¹they are delivered over to the sword with my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.
- ¹³ For there is a trial; and ²what if even the rod that contemneth shall be no more? saith the
- ¹⁴ Lord GOD. Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one that is deadly wounded, which ³entereth into their chambers. I have set the ⁴point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed
- ¹⁶ for slaughter. ⁵Gather thee together, go to the right; set thyself in array, go to the left;
- ¹⁷ ⁶whithersoever thy face is set. I will also smite mine hands together, and I will ⁷satisfy my fury: I the LORD have spoken it.
- ¹⁸ The word of the LORD came unto me again,
- ¹⁹ saying, Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a ⁸place, mark it out at
- ²⁰ the head of the way to the city. Thou shalt appoint a way, for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced. For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows to and fro, he consulted the teraphim, he
- ²² looked in the liver. In his right hand was the divination *for* Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth ⁹in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounts, to build
- ²³ forts. And it shall be unto them as a vain divination in their sight, which have sworn

¹ Or, terrors by reason of the sword are upon my people

² Or, what if the sword condemn even the rod? it shall be no more

³ Or, compasseth them about
Or, entereth into their inward parts

⁴ Or, consternation

⁵ Heb. Make thyself one.

⁶ Or, whither is thy face set?

⁷ Heb. bring to rest.

⁸ Heb. hand.

⁹ Or, for

oaths unto them: but he bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ²⁴ ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. And thou, O ²⁵ deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day is come, in the time of the ²⁶ 'iniquity of the end, thus saith the Lord GOD: ²Remove the mitre, and take off the crown: this *shall be* ³no more the same: exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. ⁴I will overturn, overturn, overturn, ²⁷ it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

¹ Or, *punishment*

² Or, *I will remove &c.*

³ Heb. *not this.*

⁴ Heb. *An overthrow, overthrow, overthrow, will I make it.*

And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, ²⁸ Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say thou, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, ⁵to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning: whiles they see ²⁹ vanity unto thee, whiles they divine lies unto thee, to lay thee upon the necks of the wicked that are deadly wounded, whose day is come, in the time of the 'iniquity of the end. Cause ³⁰ it to return into its sheath. In the place where thou wast created, in the land of ⁶thy birth, will I judge thee. And 'I will pour out mine ³¹ indignation upon thee; I will blow upon thee with the fire of my wrath: and I will deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy. Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; ³² thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the LORD have spoken it.

⁵ Or, *to the uttermost*

⁶ Or, *thine origin*

- 22** ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
² me, saying, And thou, son of man, wilt thou
 judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? ¹then ¹Or, and
³ cause her to know all her abominations. And
 thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: A
 city that sheddeth blood in the midst of her,
 that her time may come, and that maketh idols
⁴ against herself to defile her! Thou art become
 guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed, and
 art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made;
 and thou hast caused thy days to draw near,
 and art come even unto thy years: therefore
 have I made thee a reproach unto the nations,
⁵ and a mocking to all the countries. Those that
 be near, and those that be far from thee, shall
 mock thee, thou ²infamous one and full of ²Heb. *defiled*
⁶ tumult. Behold, the princes of Israel, every ²of name.
 one according to his ³power, have been in thee ³Heb. *arm.*
⁷ to shed blood. In thee have they set light
 by father and mother; in the midst of thee
 have they dealt by oppression with the stranger:
 in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the
⁸ widow. Thou hast despised mine holy things,
⁹ and hast profaned my sabbaths. Slandrous
 men have been in thee to shed blood: and in
 thee they have eaten upon the mountains: in
 the midst of thee they have committed lewdness.
¹⁰ In thee have they discovered their fathers' naked-
 ness: in thee have they humbled her that was
¹¹ unclean in her separation. And one hath com-
 mitted abomination with his neighbour's wife;
 and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in
 law; and another in thee hath humbled his
¹² sister, his father's daughter. In thee have they
 taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken
 usury and increase, and thou hast greedily
 gained of thy neighbours by oppression, and
¹³ hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD. Be-

hold, therefore, I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. Can thine heart endure, or can thine 14 hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it. And I will scatter thee among the 15 nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the 16 sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 17 saying, Son of man, the house of Israel is 18 become dross unto me: all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. There- 19 fore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As 20 they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will lay you there, and melt you. Yea, I will gather 21 you, and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. As silver is melted in the midst of 22 the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 23 saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art 24 a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a con- 25 spiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious

- things; they have made her widows many in
 26 the midst thereof. Her priests have done
 violence to my law, and have profaned mine
 holy things: they have put no difference be-
 tween the holy and the common, neither have
 they caused men to discern between the unclean
 and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my
 27 sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her
 princes in the midst thereof are like wolves
 ravening the prey; to shed blood, *and* to de-
 stroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain.
 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with
 untempered *mortar*, seeing vanity, and divining
 lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord
 29 GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. The
 people of the land have used oppression, and
 exercised robbery; yea, they have vexed the
 poor and needy, and have oppressed the stranger
 30 wrongfully. And I sought for a man among
 them, that should make up the fence, and stand
 in the gap before me for the land, that I should
 31 not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore
 have I poured out mine indignation upon them;
 I have consumed them with the fire of my
 wrath: their own way have I brought upon
 their heads, saith the Lord GOD.
- 23 1 The word of the LORD came again unto
 2 me, saying, Son of man, there were two women,
 3 the daughters of one mother: and they com-
 mitted whoredoms in Egypt; they committed
 whoredoms in their youth: there were their
 breasts pressed, and there they bruised the
 4 teats of their virginity. And the names of
 them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her
 sister: and they became mine, and they bare
 sons and daughters. And as for their names,
 Samaria is ¹Aholah, and Jerusalem ²Aholibah.
 5 And Aholah played the harlot ³when she was

¹ That is, *Her tent.*

² That is, *My tent is in her.*

³ See Num. v. 19, 20.

¹ Or, as *paramours*² Or, *deputies*
See Jer. li. 23,
&c.³ Or, brought
from *Egypt*⁵ Heb. *more*
than the
whoredoms of
*her sister.*⁶ Or, *with*
*dyed turbans*⁷ Or, *the land*
of whose na-
tivity is Chal-
*dea*⁸ Heb. *at the*
sight of her
eyes.

mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians ¹*her* neighbours, which were clothed ⁶ with blue, governors and ²rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. And she bestowed her whoredoms ⁷ upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them: and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. Neither hath ⁸ she left her whoredoms ³*since the days of* Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the teats of her virginity: and they poured out their whoredom upon her. Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of ⁹ her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and her they slew with the sword: and she ⁴became ⁴a byword among women; for they executed judgements upon her. And her sister ¹¹ Aholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms ⁵more than her sister in her whoredoms. She ¹²doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, ¹*her* neighbours, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. And I saw that she was defiled; ¹³ they both took one way. And she increased ¹⁴ her whoredoms; for she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, girded with girdles ¹⁵ upon their loins, ⁶exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after the likeness of the Babylonians ⁷in Chaldea, the land of their nativity. And ⁸as soon as she ¹⁶saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. And the ¹⁷Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and

she was polluted with them, and her soul was
 18 alienated from them. So she discovered her
 whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness:
 then my soul was alienated from her, like as
 19 my soul was alienated from her sister. Yet
 she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the
 days of her youth, wherein she had played the
 20 harlot in the land of Egypt. And she doted upon
 their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of
 asses, and whose issue is like the issue of
 21 horses. Thus thou calledst to remembrance
 the lewdness of thy youth, in the bruising of
 thy teats by the Egyptians for the breasts of
 thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord
 God: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against
 thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I
 will bring them against thee on every side;
 23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod
 and Shoa and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians
 with them: desirable young men, governors
 and rulers all of them, princes and ¹men of
 24 renown, all of them riding upon horses. And
 they shall come against thee with weapons,
 chariots, and ²wagons, and with an assembly
 of peoples; they shall set themselves against
 thee with buckler and shield and helmet round
 about: and I will commit the judgement unto
 them, and they shall judge thee according to their
 25 judgements. And I will set my jealousy against
 thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury:
 they shall take away thy nose and thine ears;
 and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they
 shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy
 26 residue shall be devoured by the fire. They
 shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take
 27 away thy fair jewels. Thus will I make thy
 lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom

¹ Or, *counsel-
 lers*
 Heb. *callot*.

² Or, *wheels*

¹ See ver. 8.

¹ *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus saith ²⁸ the Lord GOD: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated: and they shall deal with thee in ²⁹ hatred, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. These ³⁰ things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols. Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; ³¹ therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. Thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou shalt drink ³² of thy sister's cup which is deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; ³³ ²it containeth much. Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. Thou shalt even ³⁴ drink it and drain it out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and shalt tear thy breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ³⁵ thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

² Or, *too much to endure*

The LORD said moreover unto me: Son of ³⁶ man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? then declare unto them their abominations. For they have committed adultery, and blood ³⁷ is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also ³caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through *the fire* unto them to be devoured.

³ See xvi. 20, 21.

- 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they
 have defiled my sanctuary in the same day,
 39 and have profaned my sabbaths. For when
 they had slain their children to their idols, then
 they came the same day into my sanctuary to
 profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the
 40 midst of mine house. And furthermore ye
 have sent for men ¹that come from far: unto ¹Or, *to come*
 whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they
 came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paint-
 edst thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with
 41 ornaments, and satest upon a stately bed, with
 a table prepared before it, whereupon thou
 42 didst set mine incense and mine oil. And
 the voice of a multitude being at ease was
 with her: and with men of the common sort
 were brought drunkards from the wilderness;
 and they put bracelets upon the hands of them
twain, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.
 43 Then said I ²of her that was old in adulteries,
 Now will they commit ³whoredoms with her, ²Or, *She that*
 44 ⁴and she *with them*. And they went in unto *is old will*
 her, as they go in unto an harlot: so went they *commit*
 in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd *adulteries*
 45 women. And righteous men, they shall judge ³Heb. *her*
 them with the judgement of adulteresses, and *whoredoms.*
 with the judgement of women that shed blood; ⁴Or, *even with*
 because they are adulteresses, and blood is in *her*
 46 their hands. For thus saith the Lord God: I
 will bring up an assembly against them, and
 will give them to be tossed to and fro and
 47 spoiled. And the assembly shall stone them
 with stones, and despatch them with their
 swords; they shall slay their sons and their
 daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.
 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the
 land, that all women may be taught not to do
 49 after your lewdness. And they shall recom-

pense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, ¹ **24** in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, write ² thee the name of the day, *even* of this selfsame day: the king of Babylon ¹drew close unto Jerusalem this selfsame day. And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every ⁴ good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill ~~it~~ with the choice bones. Take the choice of the ⁵ flock, and pile also the bones under it: make it boil well; yea, let the bones thereof be seethed in the midst of it.

¹ Heb. *leaned upon*.

² Or, *scum*

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to ⁶ the bloody city, to the caldron whose ²rust is therein, and whose ²rust is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; no lot is fallen upon it. For her blood is in the midst of her; she ⁷ set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; that it ⁸ might cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. Therefore thus saith ⁹ the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great. Heap on the wood, ¹⁰ make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that ¹¹ it may be hot, and the brass thereof may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the rust of it may be consumed. She hath ¹² wearied ³*herself* with toil: yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her rust ⁴*goeth not*

³ Or, *me*

⁴ Or, *is in the fire*

- 13 *forth* by fire. ¹In thy filthiness is lewdness: ¹ Or, *For thy filthy lewdness*
because I have purged thee and thou wast not
purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy
filthiness any more, till I have ²satisfied my fury ² Heb. *brought to rest.*
14 ³upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it: it ³ Or, *toward*
shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go
back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent;
according to thy ways, and according to thy do-
ings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me,
16 saying, Son of man, behold, I take away from
thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet
neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall
17 thy tears run down. Sigh, ⁴but not aloud; ⁴ Heb. *be silent.*
make no mourning for the dead, bind thy head-
tire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy
feet, and cover not thy lips, and ⁵eat not the ⁵ See Jer. xvi.
18 bread of men. So I spake unto the people in ⁵—7; Hos.
the morning; and at even my wife died: and I ^{ix.} 4.
19 did in the morning as I was commanded. And
the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us
what these things are to us, that thou doest so?
20 Then I said unto them, The word of the LORD
21 came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of
Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will
profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power,
the desire of your eyes, and ⁶that which your ⁶ Heb. *the pity of your soul.*
soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters
22 whom ye have left shall fall by the sword. And
ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover
23 your lips, nor eat the bread of men. And your
tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes
upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep;
but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and
24 moan one toward another. Thus shall Ezekiel
be unto you a sign; according to all that he
hath done shall ye do: when this cometh, then
shall ye know that I am the Lord GOD.

And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the ²⁵ day when I take from them their ¹strength, the joy of their ²glory, the desire of their eyes, and ³that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, that in that day he that ²⁶ escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? In that day shall thy ²⁷ mouth be opened ⁴to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, ¹ **25** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the ² children of Ammon, and prophesy ⁵against them: and say unto the children of Ammon, ³ Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: therefore behold, I will deliver ⁴ thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, ⁵ and the children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ⁶ thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Israel; there- ⁷ fore behold, I have stretched out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

¹ Or, *strong hold*

² Or, *beauty*

³ Heb. *the lifting up of their soul.*

⁴ Or, *together with*

⁵ Or, *concerning*

8. Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of
 9 Judah is like unto all the nations; therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are ¹on his frontiers, ¹Or, in every quarter the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-
 10 meon, and Kiriathaim, ²unto the children of the east, ²Or, together with the children of Ammon, unto the children of the east *to go* against the children of Ammon, and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among
 11 the nations: and I will execute judgements upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 12 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended,
 13 and revenged himself upon them; therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, I will stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it: and I will make it desolate from Teman; even unto Dedan shall they fall by the
 14 sword. And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury: and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy
 16 it with perpetual enmity; therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the
 17 sea coast. And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.
- 26 ¹ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in

the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste: therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and she shall become a spoil to the nations. And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much people. He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mount against thee, and raise up the buckler against thee. And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his ¹axes he shall break down thy towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the ²wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people with the sword, and the pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground. And

¹ Heb. *swords*.

² Or, *wheels*

- they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and
 13 thy dust in the midst of the waters. And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
 14 And I will make thee a bare rock: thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
 15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made
 16 in the midst of thee? Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with¹ trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished
 17 at thee. And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited² of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which caused their
 18 terror to be on all that³ haunt it! Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed at
 19 thy departure. For thus saith the Lord GOD: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great
 20 waters shall cover thee; then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in the nether parts of the earth, ⁴in the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited;

¹ Heb. *tremblings*.² Or, being won *from the seas*³ Or, *inhabited her*⁴ Another reading is, *like*.

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *nor set thy glory &c.*

² Or, *a destruction*
Heb. *terrors.*

³ Heb. *entrances.*

⁴ Heb. *built.*

⁵ Or, *deck*

⁶ Or, *exchange*

⁷ Or, *valorous men*

¹and I will set glory in the land of the living :
I will make thee ²a terror, and thou shalt be no ²¹
more : though thou be sought for, yet shalt
thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, ¹ **27**
saying, And thou, son of man, take up a lamenta- ²
tion for Tyre ; and say unto Tyre, O thou ³
that dwellest at the ³entry of the sea, which art
the merchant of the peoples unto many isles,
Thus saith the Lord GOD : Thou, O Tyre, hast
said, I am perfect in beauty. Thy borders are ⁴
in the heart of the seas, thy builders have per-
fected thy beauty. They have ⁴made all thy ⁵
planks of fir trees from Senir : they have taken
cedars from Lebanon to make a mast for thee.
Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine ⁶
oars ; they have made thy ⁵benches of ivory
inlaid in boxwood, from the isles of Chittim.
Of fine linen with broidered work from Egypt ⁷
was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an
ensign ; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah
was thine awning. The inhabitants of Zidon ⁸
and Arvad were thy rowers : thy wise men, O
Tyre, were in thee, they were thy pilots. The ⁹
ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof
were in thee thy calkers : all the ships of the
sea with their mariners were in thee to ⁶occupy
thy merchandise. Persia and Lud and Put ¹⁰
were in thine army, thy men of war : they
hanged the shield and helmet in thee ; they set
forth thy comeliness. The men of Arvad with ¹¹
thine army were upon thy walls round about,
and ⁷the Gammadim were in thy towers : they
hanged their shields upon thy walls round about ;
they have perfected thy beauty. Tarshish was ¹²
thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all
kinds of riches ; with silver, iron, tin, and lead,
they traded for thy wares. Javan, Tubal, and ¹³

- Meshech, they were thy traffickers: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy
 14 merchandise. They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and war-horses
 15 and mules. The men of Dedan were thy traffickers: many isles were the mart of thine hand: they brought thee ¹in exchange horns of ¹ Or, *for a present*
 16 ivory and ebony. Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy handiworks: they traded for thy wares with ²emeralds, purple, ² Or, *carbuncles*
 and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral,
 17 and rubies. Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and ³pannag, and ³ Perhaps a kind of confection.
 18 honey, and oil, and balm. Damascus was thy merchant for the multitude of thy handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with the wine of Helbon, and white wool.
 19 Vedan and Javan traded ⁴with yarn for thy wares: ⁴ According to some ancient versions, *from Uzal.*
 20 among thy merchandise. Dedan was thy traf- ⁵ Or, *wrought*
 21 ficker in ⁶precious cloths for riding. Arabia, ⁶ Heb. *cloths of freedom.*
 and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they thy merchants.
 22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy wares with chief of all spices, and with all precious
 23 stones, and gold. Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and
 24 Chilmad, were thy traffickers. These were thy traffickers in choice wares, in ⁷wrappings of ⁷ Or, *bales*
 blue and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar,
 25 among thy merchandise. The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious
 26 in the heart of the seas. Thy rowers have

brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the heart of the seas. Thy ²⁷ riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the ¹occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, ²with all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of thy ruin. At ²⁸

¹ Or, *ex-changers*

² Or, *and in*

³ Or, *waves*

the sound of the cry of thy pilots the ³suburbs shall shake. And all that handle the oar, the ²⁹ mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land; and shall cause their voice to ³⁰ be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, *and* shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: and they shall ³¹ make themselves bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. And ³² in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, Who is there like Tyre, like her that is brought to silence in the midst of the sea? When thy ³³ wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. ³⁴ In the time that thou wast broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company did fall in the midst of thee. All the inhabitants ³⁵ of the isles are astonished at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid, they are troubled in their countenance. The merchants among the ³⁶ peoples hiss at thee; thou art become ⁴a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.

⁴ According to some ancient versions, *Now thou art broken... are fallen &c.*

⁵ Or, *a destruction* Heb. *terrors.*

The word of the LORD came again unto ¹ **28** me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince ² of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord God: Because

thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I
 am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the
 1 midst of the seas; yet thou art man, and not ¹ Heb. *heart*.
 God, though thou didst set thine heart as the
 2 heart of God: behold, thou art wiser than
 Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide
 3 from thee: by thy wisdom and by thine under-
 standing thou hast gotten thee ² riches, and hast ² Or, *power*
 4 gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: by
 thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffic hast thou in-
 creased thy ² riches, and thine heart is lifted up
 5 because of thy ² riches: therefore thus saith the
 Lord GOD: Because thou hast set thine heart
 6 as the heart of God; therefore, behold, I will
 bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the
 nations: and they shall draw their swords
 against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they
 7 shall ³ defile thy brightness. They shall bring ³ Or, *profane*
 thee down to the pit; and thou shalt die the
 deaths of them that are slain, in the heart of the
 8 seas. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth
 thee, I am God? but thou art man, and not
 God, in the hand of him that ⁴ woundeth thee. ⁴ Or, *profane*
 9 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised
 by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it,
 saith the Lord GOD.
 10 Moreover the word of the LORD came
 11 unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a la-
 mentation for the king of Tyre, and say unto
 him, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou sealest
 up the ⁵ sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in ⁵ Or, *measure*
 12 beauty. Thou wast in Eden the garden of ⁵ Or, *pattern*
 God; every precious stone was thy covering,
 the ⁶ sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the ⁶ Or, *ruby*
 beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire,
 the ⁷ emerald, and the ⁸ carbuncle, and gold: the ⁷ Or, *carbuncle*
 workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes ⁸ Or, *emerald*
 was in thee; in the day that thou wast created

they were prepared. Thou wast the anointed ¹⁴
 cherub that covereth: and I set thee, *so that*
 thou wast upon the holy mountain of God;
 thou hast walked up and down in the midst
 of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in ¹⁵
 thy ways from the day that thou wast created,
 till unrighteousness was found in thee. By the ¹⁶
 multitude of thy traffic they filled the midst of
 thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: there-
 fore have I cast thee as profane out of the
 mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee,
 O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones
 of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of ¹⁷
 thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by
 reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to
 the ground, I have laid thee before kings, that
 they may behold thee. By the multitude of ¹⁸
 thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy
 traffic thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; there-
 fore have I brought forth a fire from the midst
 of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have
 turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight
 of all them that behold thee. All they that ¹⁹
 know thee among the peoples shall be astonish-
 ed at thee: thou art become ¹a terror, and thou
 shalt never be any more.

¹ Or, a destruc-
 tion
 Heb. *terrors*.

And the word of the LORD came unto ²⁰
 me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward ²¹
 Zidon, and prophesy against it, and say, Thus ²²
 saith the Lord Gop: Behold, I am against
 thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the
 midst of thee: and they shall know that I am
 the LORD, when I shall have executed judge-
 ments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
 For I will send into her pestilence and blood in ²³
 her streets; and the wounded shall ²fall in the
 midst of her, with the sword upon her on every
 side; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

² Or, *be judged*

24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a grieving thorn of any that are round about them, that did despite unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land

26 which I gave to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell securely therein; yea, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell safely; when I have executed judgements upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

29 1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the

2 LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine

4 own, and I have made it for myself. And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto

5 thy scales. And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the ¹open field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the

6 earth and to the fowls of the heaven. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff

¹ Heb. *face of the field.*

¹ Or, *by the handle*
Another reading is, *with the hand.*

² Or, as some read, *shake*
See Ps. lxi.
23.

³ Or, *from Migdol to Syene and even &c.*

⁴ Or, *origin*

⁵ Heb. *low.*

of reed to the house of Israel. When they ⁷ took hold of thee ¹by thy hand, thou didst break, and didst rend all their shoulders: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to ²be at a stand. There- ⁸fore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. And the land of Egypt ⁹shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. Therefore, behold, I am against thee, and ¹⁰against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, ³from the tower of Seveneh even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through ¹¹it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will ¹²make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. For thus ¹³saith the Lord God: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered: and I will bring ¹⁴again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their ⁴birth; and they shall be there a ⁵base kingdom. It shall be the basest of the ¹⁵kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. And it shall be no more the confidence of the ¹⁶house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

- 17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came
 18 unto me, saying, Son of man, Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for
 19 the service that he had served against it: therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.
 20 I have given him the land of Egypt ¹as his recompence for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD. ¹ Or, for his labour where-with he served
 21 In that day will I cause an horn to bud forth unto the house of Israel, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
 30 ¹ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Howl ye, Woe worth the day! For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a day of clouds; it shall be the time of the heathen. And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Cub, and the children of ²the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword. ² Or, the land of the covenant
 6 Thus saith the LORD: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down: ³from the tower of ³ Or, from Migdol to Syene

Sevenerh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall be desolate in 7 the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. And they shall know that I am the 8 LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are ¹destroyed. In that day shall 9 messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh.

¹ Heb. *broken*.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also make 10 the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebucadrezzar king of Babylon. He and his 11 people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. And I will make 12 the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and ²all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.

² Heb. *the fulness thereof*.

³ Or, *things of nought*. See Ps. xcvi. 5.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also destroy 13 the idols, and I will cause the ³images to cease from Noph; and there shall be no more a prince out of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. And I will make 14 Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgements in No. And I will 15 pour my fury upon Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall be in 16 great anguish, and No shall be broken up: and Noph *shall have* adversaries ⁴in the daytime. The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall 17 fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity. At Tehaphneches also the day shall 18 ⁵withdraw itself, when I shall break there the

⁴ Or, *all the day*.

⁵ Another reading is, *be dark*.

yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into
 19 captivity. Thus will I execute judgements in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, say-
 21 ing, Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up to apply *healing* medicines, to put a roller to bind it, that it be strong to hold
 22 the sword. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the
 23 sword to fall out of his hand. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will dis-
 24 perse them through the countries. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly
 25 wounded man. And I will ¹strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.
 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

31 ¹ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me,
² saying, Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou

¹Or, hold up

like in thy greatness? Behold, the Assyrian ³ was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; ¹ Or, *clouds* and his top was among the ⁴thick boughs. The ² Or, *great* waters nourished him, the deep made him to grow: her rivers ran round about her plantation; and she sent out her channels unto all the trees of the field. Therefore his stature was ⁵ exalted above all the trees of the field; and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long by reason of ²many waters, when he shot *them* forth. All the fowls of heaven made ⁶ their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. Thus was he fair in his greatness, in ⁷ the length of his branches: for his root was by ²many waters. The cedars in the garden of ⁸ God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the ³ Or, *chestnut* ²plane trees were not as his branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like unto him in his beauty. I made ⁹ him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

⁴ Or, *saith* Therefore thus ⁴said the Lord God: Be- ¹⁰ cause thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among the ¹thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; I will even ¹¹ deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness. And ¹² strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the water-courses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have

- 13 left him. Upon his ruin all the fowls of the
 heaven shall dwell, and all the beasts of the
 14 field shall be upon his branches: to the end
 that none of all the trees by the waters exalt
 themselves in their stature, neither set their top
 among the thick boughs, nor that their **strong**
 ones stand up in their height, *even* all that drink
 water: for they are all delivered unto death, to
 the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the
 children of men, with them that go down to the
 pit.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day when
 he went down to ¹hell I caused a mourning: I ¹ Heb. *Shcol.*
 covered the deep for him, and I restrained the
 rivers thereof, and the great waters were stayed:
 and I caused Lebanon ²to mourn for him, and ² Heb. *to be*
 16 all the trees of the field fainted for him. *black.* I
 made the nations to shake at the sound of his
 fall, when I cast him down to ¹hell with them
 that descend into the pit: and all the trees of
 Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that
 drink water, were comforted in the nether parts
 17 of the earth. They also went down into ¹hell
 with him unto them that be slain by the sword;
 yea, they that were his arm, *that* dwelt under
 his shadow in the midst of the nations.
- 18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and
 in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet
 shalt thou be brought down with the trees of
 Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou
 shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised
 with them that be slain by the sword. This is
 Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord
 GOD.
- 32 ¹ And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in
 the twelfth month, in the first day of the month,
 that the word of the LORD came unto me, say-
 2 ing, Son of man, take up a lamentation for

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations: yet art thou as a dragon in the seas; and thou brakest forth ¹with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will therefore ³spread out my net over thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. And I will leave thee upon the land, ⁴I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee. And I will lay thy ⁵flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy ²height. I will also water with thy ⁶blood the land wherein thou swimdest, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of thee. And when I shall extinguish ⁷thee, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof ³dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make ⁸³dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD. I will also vex ⁹the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. Yea, I ¹⁰will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. For thus saith the Lord GOD: The sword of ¹¹the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. By the swords of the mighty will I cause ¹²thy multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be

¹ Or, *in*² Or, as otherwise read, *worms*³ Or, *to mourn*

- 13 destroyed. I will destroy also all the beasts
 thereof from beside ¹many waters; neither shall
 'the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the
 14 hoofs of beasts trouble them. Then will I
²make their waters clear, and cause their rivers
 15 to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD. When I
 shall make the land of Egypt desolate and
 waste, a land destitute of ³that whereof it was
 full, when I shall smite all them that dwell
 therein, then shall they know that I am the
 16 LORD. This is the lamentation wherewith they
 shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall
 lament therewith: for Egypt, and for all her
 multitude, shall they lament therewith, saith the
 Lord GOD.
- 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year,
 in the fifteenth day of the month, that the
 word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt,
 and cast them down, even her, and the daugh-
 ters of the famous nations, unto the nether
 parts of the earth, with them that go down
 19 into the pit. Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
 go down, and be thou laid with the uncir-
 20 cumcised. They shall fall in the midst of them
 that are slain by the sword: ⁴she is delivered
 to the sword: draw her away and all her
 21 multitudes. The strong among the mighty
 shall speak to him out of the midst of ⁵hell
 with them that help him: they are gone down,
 they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by
 22 the sword. Asshur is there and all her com-
 pany; his graves are round about him: all
 23 of them slain, fallen by the sword: whose
 graves are set in the uttermost parts of the
 pit, and her company is round about her grave:
 all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which
 24 caused terror in the land of the living. There

¹ Or, great² Heb. cause
their waters to
settle.³ Heb. the
fulness thereof.⁴ Or, the
sword is ap-
pointed⁵ Heb. Sheol.

is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. They have set her a bed in the midst ²⁵ of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain. There is Meshech, Tubal, ²⁶ and all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. ¹And they shall ²⁷ not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to ²hell with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. But thou shalt be broken in the midst of the ²⁸ uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain by the sword. There is Edom, her ²⁹ kings and all her princes, which ³in their might are laid with them that are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. There be the ³⁰ princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; ⁴in the terror which they caused by their might they are ashamed; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted ³¹

¹ Or, *And shall they not lie &c.?*

² Heb. *Sheol*.

³ Or, *for all their might*

⁴ Or, *for all the terror*

over all his multitude: ¹even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord
 32 God. For I have put ²his terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

¹ Or, *Pharaoh and all his army are slain &c.*

² Another reading is, *my.*

33 ¹ And the word of the LORD came unto me, ²saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for ³their watchman: if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and ⁴warn the people; and ~~one~~ heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, and the sword come, and take him away; his blood ⁵shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him: whereas if he had taken warning he should have delivered his ⁶soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and the sword come, and take any person from among them; he is taken away ³in his iniquity, but his blood will I re-
 7 quire at the watchman's hand. So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my ⁸mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die ³in his iniquity, but his blood ⁹will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die ³in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

³ Or, *for*

¹ Or, *Truly*
our trans-
gressions &c.

² Or, *for*

³ Or, *for it*

⁴ Heb. *judge-*
ment and
righteousness.

⁵ Or, *for*
them

And thou, son of man, say unto the house ¹⁰
of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, ¹Our trans-
gressions and our sins are upon us, and we
pine away ²in them; how then should we live?
Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, ¹¹
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;
but that the wicked turn from his way and live:
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why
will ye die, O house of Israel? And thou, son ¹²
of man, say unto the children of thy people,
The righteousness of the righteous shall not
deliver him in the day of his transgression; and
as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall
not fall thereby in the day that he turneth
from his wickedness: neither shall he that is
righteous be able to live thereby in the day that
he sinneth. When I say to the righteous, that ¹³
he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteous-
ness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous
deeds shall be remembered; but ²in his iniquity
that he hath committed, ³therein shall he die.
Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt ¹⁴
surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do
⁴that which is lawful and right; if the wicked ¹⁵
restore the pledge, give again that he had taken
by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, commit-
ting no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall
not die. None of his sins that he hath com- ¹⁶
mitted shall be remembered against him: he
hath done that which is lawful and right; he
shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people ¹⁷
say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as
for them, their way is not equal. When the ¹⁸
righteous turneth from his righteousness, and
committeth iniquity, he shall even die ⁵therein.
And when the wicked turneth from his wicked- ¹⁹
ness, and doeth that which is lawful and right,
he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of ²⁰

the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

- 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The
22 city is smitten. Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more
23 dumb. And the word of the LORD came unto
24 me, saying, Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for in-
25 heritance. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed
26 blood: and shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife:
27 and shall ye possess the land? Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the strongholds and
28 in the caves shall die of the pestilence. And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment, and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be
29 desolate, that none shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations
30 which they have committed. And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of

thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people ³¹ cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. And, lo, ³² thou art unto them as 'a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh ³³ to pass, (behold, it cometh,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

¹ Or, a love
song

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **34** saying, Son of man, prophesy against the ² shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye ³ clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings: but ye feed not the sheep. The weak have ye ⁴ not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigour have ye ruled over them. And ⁵ they were scattered, because there was no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. My sheep ⁶ wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek *after them*. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the ⁷

- 8 LQRD: As I live, saith the Lord God, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became meat to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep; 9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the 10 LORD; Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they 11 may not be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I myself, even I, will search 12 for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been 13 scattered in 'the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited places of the 14 country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold, and on fat pasture shall they feed 15 upon the mountains of Israel. I myself will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie 16 down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and will bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: and the fat and the strong I will destroy; 17 I will feed them in judgement. And as for you,

¹ Heb. *the day of clouds and thick darkness.*

O my flock, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, as well the rams as the he-goats. Seemeth it a small 18 thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? And as for my sheep, they 19 eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto 20 them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and the lean cattle. Because ye 21 thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the weak with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; therefore will I save 22 my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and 23 he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my 24 servant David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. And I will make with them a 25 covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places 26 round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of 27 the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And 28

they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none
 29 shall make them afraid. And I will raise up unto them a ¹plantation for renown, and they shall be no more ²consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any
 30 more. And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord
 31 GOD. And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

35 ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
² me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against
³ mount Seir, and prophesy against it, and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment.
⁴ I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am the
⁵ LORD. Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the ³iniquity of
⁶ the end: therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated
⁷ blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. Thus will I make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that
⁸ passeth through and him that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy water-courses, shall they fall that are slain with the
⁹ sword. I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not ⁴be inhabited: and ye

¹ Or, *plant*² Heb. *taken away*.³ Or, *punishment*⁴ Or, according to another reading, *return*

shall know that I am the LORD. Because thou 10
hast said, These two nations and these two
countries shall be mine, and we will possess it;

¹ Or, *though*

¹ whereas the LORD was there: therefore, as I 11
live, saith the Lord GOD, I will do according to
thine anger, and according to thine envy which
thou hast shewed out of thy hatred against
them; and I will make myself known among
them, ² when I shall judge thee. And thou 12

² Or, *accord-
ing as*

³ Or, *that I
am the LORD;
I have heard
etc.*

⁴ Or, *It is*

shalt know ³ that I the LORD have heard all thy
blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the
mountains of Israel, saying, ⁴ They are laid
desolate, they are given us to devour. And ye 13
have magnified yourselves against me with your
mouth, and have multiplied your words against
me: I have heard it. Thus saith the Lord GOD: 14
When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make
thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice over the in- 15
heritance of the house of Israel, because it was
desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be
desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all
of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the 1 36
mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of
Israel, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith 2
the Lord GOD: Because the enemy hath said
against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places
are ours in possession: therefore prophesy and 3
say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because, even
because they have made you desolate, and
swallowed you up on every side, that ye might
be a possession unto the residue of the nations,
and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and
the evil report of the people: therefore, ye 4
mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord
GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the moun-
tains, and to the hills, to the watercourses, and
to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to

the cities that are forsaken, which are become a
 prey and derision to the residue of the nations
 5 that are round about: therefore, thus saith the
 Lord GOD: Surely in the fire of my jealousy
 have I spoken against the residue of the na-
 tions, and against all Edom, which have ap-
 pointed my land unto themselves for a posses-
 sion with the joy of all their heart, with despite
 6 of soul, to cast it out for a prey: therefore
 prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say
 unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the
 watercourses, and to the valleys, Thus saith the
 Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in my jea-
 lousy and in my fury, because ye have borne
 7 the shame of the heathen: therefore thus saith
 the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand,
saying, Surely the heathen that are round
 8 about you, they shall bear their shame. But
 ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth
 your branches, and yield your fruit to my people
 9 Israel; for they are at hand to come. For,
 behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you,
 10 and ye shall be tilled and sown: and I will
 multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel,
 even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited,
 11 and the waste places shall be builded: and I
 will multiply upon you man and beast; and they
 shall increase and be fruitful: and I will cause
 you to be inhabited after your former estate,
 and will do better *unto you* than at your begin-
 nings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
 12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even
 my people Israel; and they shall possess thee,
 and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou
 shalt no more henceforth bereave them of chil-
 13 dren. Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because they
 say unto you, Thou *land* art a devourer of men,
 14 and hast been a bereaver of thy 'nation; there-

¹ Or, accord-
 ing to another
 reading, *na-
 tions*

¹ Or, according to another reading, *cause to stumble*

² Or, according to another reading, *nations*

³ Or, *proclaim against thee*

fore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ¹bereave thy ²nation any more, saith the Lord GOD; neither will I ³let thee hear any more the ¹⁵shame of the heathen, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy ²nation to stumble any more, saith the Lord GOD.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto ¹⁶me, saying, Son of man, when the house of ¹⁷Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her separation. Wherefore I poured out my ¹⁸fury upon them for the blood which they had poured out upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols: and I scattered them ¹⁹among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they came unto the nations, whither ²⁰they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. But I had pity for mine holy name, which the ²¹house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went. Therefore say unto the ²²house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: ⁴I do not *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which hath ²³been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you ²⁴from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your

⁴ Or, *I work not for ye.*

- 25 own land. And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse
26 you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and
27 I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judge-
28 ments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall
29 be my people, and I will be your God. And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will multiply it, and
30 lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more the reproach
31 of famine among the nations. Then shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for
32 your abominations. Not for your sake ^{1 Or, do I} *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: ^{work}
33 be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord God: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and
34 the waste places shall be builded. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed
35 by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are
36 fenced and inhabited. Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD have builded the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: For this more- 37
over will I be inquired of by the house of
Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them
with men like a flock. As the ¹flock for sacri- 38
fice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed
feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with
flocks of men: and they shall know that I am
the LORD.

¹ Heb. *flock of
holy things.*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he 1 37
carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and
set me down in the midst of the valley; and it
was full of bones; and he caused me to pass by 2
them round about: and, behold, there were very
many ²in the open valley; and, lo, they were
very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, 3
can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord
GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, 4
Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them,
O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones: 5
Behold, I will cause ³breath to enter into you,
and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 6
you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover
you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye
shall live; and ye shall know that I am the
LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: 7
and as I prophesied, there was a ⁴noise, and
behold an earthquake, and the bones came
together, bone to his bone. And I beheld, and 8
lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh
came up, and skin covered them above: but
there was no breath in them. Then said he 9
unto me, Prophesy unto the ⁵wind, prophesy,
son of man, and say to the ⁵wind, Thus saith
the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O
⁶breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they
may live. So I prophesied as he commanded 10
me, and the breath came into them, and they

² Heb. *upon
the face of the
valley.*

³ Or, *spirit*

⁴ Or, *thunder-
ing*

⁵ Or, *breath*

⁶ Or, *wind
Or, spirit*

- lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding
 11 great army. Then he said unto me, Son of
 man, these bones are the whole house of Israel:
 behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and
 12 our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. There-
 fore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith
 the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves,
 and cause you to come up out of your graves,
 O my people; and I will bring you into the
 13 land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am
 the LORD, when I have opened your graves,
 and caused you to come up out of your graves,
 14 O my people. And I will put my ¹spirit in you, ¹ Or, *breath*
 and ye shall live, and I will place you in your
 own land: and ye shall know that I the LORD
 have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.
 15 The word of the LORD came again unto me,
 16 saying, And thou, son of man, take thee one
 stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for
 the children of Israel his companions: then
 take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph,
 the stick of Ephraim, and ²for all the house of ² Or, of
 17 Israel his companions: and join them for thee
 one to another into one stick, that they may
 18 become one in thine hand. And when the
 children of thy people shall speak unto thee,
 saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou mean-
 19 est by these? say unto them, Thus saith the
 Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of
 Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and
 the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will
 put them ³with it, *even* with the stick of Judah,
 and make them one stick, and they shall be one
 20 in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou
 writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.
 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God:
 Behold, I will take the children of Israel from
 among the nations, whither they be gone, and

³ Or, *together*
with him unto
the stick of
Judah

will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one ²² nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any ²³ more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them ¹out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And my servant David ²⁴ shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgements, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I ²⁵ have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make ²⁶ a covenant of peace with them: it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will ²place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be ³with them; and I ²⁷ will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the nations shall know that ⁴I am the ²⁸ LORD that sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **38** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, ² of the land of Magog, the ⁵prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, ⁵prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: and I will turn ⁴

¹ Or, according to some ancient versions, from all their back-slidings

² Or, give it them

³ Or, over

⁴ Or, I the LORD do sanctify Israel

⁵ Or, chief prince of Meshech

- thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: Persia, Cush, and Put
 5 with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
 6 Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all
 7 his hordes: even many peoples with thee. Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee,
 8 and be thou a ¹guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is ²brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste: but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall
 9 dwell securely all of them. And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all
 10 thy hordes, and many peoples with thee. Thus saith the Lord GOD: It shall come to pass in that day that things shall come into thy mind,
 11 and thou shalt devise an evil device: and thou shalt say, I will go up to ³the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at quiet, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without
 12 walls, and having neither bars nor gates: to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thine hand against the waste places that are *now* inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the ⁴middle of the earth. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy com-

¹ Or, commander² Or, restored³ Or, an open country⁴ Heb. navel, Judg. ix. 37.

pany to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto 14
Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from 15
thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against 16
my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know thee, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. Thus saith the 17
Lord GOD: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring thee against them? And it 18
shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up into my nostrils. For in my jealousy and in the fire of 19
my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the 20
fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the meh that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against 21
him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with 22
pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon

him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

- 39 ¹ And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, ^{1 Or, chief prince of} Meshech, and Tubal: and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell securely in the ^{2 Or, coast} isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years: so that they shall take no wood

out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I ¹¹ will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through ¹on the east of the sea: and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of ²Hamon-gog. And seven months shall the ¹² house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of ¹³ the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown, in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall sever ¹⁴ out men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land to bury ³them ⁴that pass through, that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And they that pass through ¹⁵ the land shall pass through; and when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he ⁵set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. And ⁶Hamonah shall ¹⁶ also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord ¹⁷ GOD: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. Ye shall ¹⁸ eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of

¹ Or, in front of

² That is, the multitude of Gog.

³ Or, with them that pass through those that remain &c.

⁴ Some ancient versions omit the word rendered that pass through.

⁵ Heb. build.

⁶ That is, Multitude.

- 19 Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full,
and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacri-
20 fice which I have sacrificed for you. And ye
shall be filled at my table with horses and
chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of
21 war, saith the Lord God. And I will set my
glory among the nations, and all the nations
shall see my judgement that I have executed,
22 and my hand that I have laid upon them. So
the house of Israel shall know that I am the
LORD their God, from that day and forward.
23 And the nations shall know that the house of
Israel went into captivity for their iniquity ;
because they trespassed against me, and I hid
my face from them : so I gave them into the
hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of
24 them by the sword. According to their un-
cleanness and according to their transgressions
did I unto them ; and I hid my face from them.
25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD : Now
will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and
have mercy upon the whole house of Israel ;
26 and I will be jealous for my holy name. And
they shall bear their shame, and all their tres-
passes whereby they have trespassed against
me, when they shall dwell securely in their
27 land, and none shall make them afraid ; when I
have brought them again from the peoples, and
gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and
am sanctified in them in the sight of many
28 nations. And they shall know that I am the
LORD their God, in that I caused them to go
into captivity among the nations, and have
gathered them unto their own land ; and I will
29 leave none of them any more there ; neither
will I hide my face any more from them : for I
have poured out my spirit upon the house of
Israel, saith the Lord God.

In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me thither. In the visions of God ¹ brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south. And he brought me thither, and, behold, there ² was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. And the man said unto me, Son of ³ man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

And behold a wall on the outside of the ⁴ house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long, of a cubit and an hand breadth each: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. Then came he unto the gate ⁵ which looketh toward the east, and went up the steps thereof; and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad: ⁶ and the other threshold, one reed broad. And every ⁷ lodge was one reed long, and one reed broad; and *the space* between the lodges was five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the house was one reed. ⁸ He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. Then measured he the porch ⁹ of the gate, eight cubits; and the ¹⁰ posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house. And the lodges of the gate ¹¹

¹ Or, *even one threshold*

² Or, *guard chamber*

³ This verse is omitted in several ancient versions and Hebrew MSS.

⁴ Or, *jamb*

- eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and
 11 on that side. And he measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the
 12 length of the gate, thirteen cubits; and a border before the lodges, one cubit *on this side*, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that
 13 side. And he measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and twenty cubits; door against
 14 door. He made also posts, threescore cubits; and the court *reached* unto the post, the gate
 15 *being* round about. And *from* the forefront of the gate at the entrance unto the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits.
 16 And there were closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ¹arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon *each* post were palm trees.
 17 Then brought he me into the outer court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about: thirty chambers were upon the pavement. And the pavement was by the ²side of the gates, answerable
 18 unto the length of the gates, even the lower
 19 pavement. Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred
 20 cubits, *both* on the east and on the north. And the gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured the length there-
 21 of, and the breadth thereof. And the lodges thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the ¹arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate:

¹Or, *colonnade*
 The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

²Heb. *shoulder*.

the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And the windows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate whose prospect is toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. And there was a gate to the inner court over against the *other* gate, *both* on the north and on the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits. And he led me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. And there were arches round about, five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it had eight steps. And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he

- measured the gate according to these measures;
 33 and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof,
 and the arches thereof, according to these
 measures: and there were windows therein and
 in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty
 cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
 34 And the arches thereof were toward the outer
 court; and palm trees were upon the posts
 thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the
 35 going up to it had eight steps. And he brought
 me to the north gate: and he measured *it*
 36 according to these measures; the lodges there-
 of, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof;
 and there were windows therein round about:
 the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five
 37 and twenty cubits. And the posts thereof were
 toward the outer court; and palm trees were
 upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that
 side: and the going up to it had eight steps.
 38 And a chamber with the door thereof was by
 the posts at the gates; there they washed the
 39 burnt offering. And ¹in the porch of the gate ¹Or, *by*
 were two tables on this side, and two tables on
 that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and
 40 the sin offering and the guilt offering. And on
 the *one* side without, ²as one goeth up to the
 entry of the gate toward the north, were two
 tables; and on the other side, which belonged
 to the porch of the gate, were two tables.
 41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables
 on that side, by the side of the gate; eight
 42 tables, whereupon they slew *the sacrifices*. And
 there were four tables for the burnt offering, of
 hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit
 and a half broad, and one cubit high: where-
 upon they laid the instruments wherewith they
 43 slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. And
 the ³hooks, a hand breadth long, were fastened
³According to
 some ancient
 versions,
lalgas.

¹ Or, *in the building*

² The LXX. has, *And he led me into the inner court, and behold, two chambers in the inner court, one at the side of the gate that looketh toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the gate toward the south, but looking toward the north.*

¹ within round about : and upon the tables was the flesh of the oblation. ² And without the 44 inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate ; and their prospect was toward the south : one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. And he said unto 45 me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. And the chamber whose 46 prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar : these are the sons of Zadok, which from among the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister unto him. And he measured the court, an 47 hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare ; and the altar was before the house.

Then he brought me to the porch of the 48 house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side : and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side. The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and 49 the breadth eleven cubits ; ³ even by the steps whereby they went up to it : and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

And he brought me to the temple, and 1 41 measured the posts ; six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the ⁴ tabernacle. And 2 the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits ; and the ⁵ sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side : and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. Then 3 went he inward, and measured each post of the

³ The LXX. has, *and by ten steps they went &c.*

⁴ Or, *tent*.
See Ex. xxvi.
22—25.

⁵ Heb.
shoulders.

- entrance, two cubits: and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven
 4 cubits. And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the 'temple: and he said unto me, This
 5 is the Holy of holies. Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the
 6 house on every side. And the side-chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold *therein*, and not have hold in the wall of the house.
- 7 And ²the side-chambers were broader as they encompassed the house higher and higher; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *continued* upward; and so one went up *from* the lowest *chamber* to the
 8 highest by the middle *chamber*. I saw also ³that the house had ⁴a raised basement round about: the foundations of the side-chambers
 9 were a full reed ⁵of six great cubits. The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers, on the outside, was five cubits: ⁶and that which was left was the place of the side-
 10 chambers that belonged to the house. And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.
- 11 And the doors of the side-chambers were toward *the place* that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was
 12 five cubits round about. And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round

¹ See 1 Kings vi. 5.

² Or, *there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house*

³ Or, *that the house was high round about*

⁴ Heb. *height*.

⁵ Or, *of six cubits to the joining*

⁶ The LXX. has, *and that which was left between the side chambers that belonged to the house and between the chambers was &c.*

about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. So he measured the house, an hundred cubits ¹³ long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the face of the house, and ¹⁴ of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

And he measured the length of the building ¹⁵ before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; the thresholds, and the closed windows, ¹⁶ and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, cieled with wood round about, and *from* the ground up to the windows; now the windows were covered; to *the space* above the door, even unto the inner ¹⁷ house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, ¹⁸ by measure. And ¹⁹ it was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; so that there ²⁰ was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *thus was it* made through all the house round about.

From the ground unto above the door were ²¹ cherubim and palm trees made: ²² thus was the wall of the temple. As for the temple, the doorposts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance *thereof* was ²³ as the appearance *of the temple*. The altar ²⁴ was of wood, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and ²⁵ the corners thereof, and the ²⁶ length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD. And the ²⁷

¹ Heb. measures.

² Another reading is, *And as for the wall of the temple, the doorposts were squared &c.*

³ Or, as the former appearance

⁴ Or, it had its corners; and &c.

⁵ The LXX. has, base.

24 temple and the sanctuary had two doors. And
the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning
leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two
25 leaves for the other. And there were made on
them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and
palm trees, like as were made upon the walls;
and there were thick beams of wood ¹upon the
26 face of the porch without. And there were
closed windows and palm trees on the one side
and on the other side, on the sides of the porch:
thus were the side-chambers of the house, and
the thick beams.

¹ Or, *before*
the porch

42 ¹ Then he brought me forth into the outer
court, the way toward the north: and he brought
me into the chamber that was over against the
separate place, and which was over against the
2 building toward the north. Before the length
of an hundred cubits was the north door, and
3 the breadth was fifty cubits. Over against the
twenty *cubits* which belonged to the inner court,
and over against the pavement which belonged
to the outer court, was gallery against gallery
4 ²in the third story. And before the chambers
was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way
of ³one cubit; and their doors were toward the
5 north. Now the upper chambers were shorter:
for the galleries took away from these, more
than from the lower and the middlemost, in the
6 building. For they were in three stories, and
they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts:
therefore *the uppermost* was straitened more
than the lowest and the middlemost from the
7 ground. And the ⁴wall that was without by
the side of the chambers, toward the outer
court before the chambers, the length thereof
8 was fifty cubits. For the length of the cham-
bers that were in the outer court was fifty
cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hun-

² Or, *in three*
stories

³ According to
some ancient
versions, *a*
hundred
cubits.

⁴ Or, *fence*

dred cubits. And from under these chambers 9
 was the entry on the east side, as one goeth
 into them from the outer court. In the thick- 10
 ness of the ¹wall of the court toward the east,
 before the separate place, and before the build-
 ing, there were chambers. And the way before 11
 them was like the appearance of *the way of* the
 chambers which were toward the north; ²accord-
 ing to their length so was their breadth: and
 all their goings out were both according to their
 fashions, and according to their doors. And 12
 according to the doors of the chambers that
 were toward the south was a door in the head
 of the way, even the way directly before the
¹wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.
 Then said he unto me, The north chambers 13
 and the south chambers, which are before the
 separate place, they be the holy chambers,
 where the priests that are near unto the LORD
 shall eat the most holy things: there shall they
 lay the most holy things, and the meal offering,
 and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for
 the place is holy. When the priests enter in, 14
 then shall they not go out of the holy place into
 the outer court, but there they shall lay their gar-
 ments wherein they minister; for they are holy:
 and they shall put on other garments, and shall
 approach to that which pertaineth to the people.

Now when he had made an end of measur- 15
 ing the inner house, he brought me forth by
 the way of the gate whose prospect is toward
 the east, and measured it round about. He 16
 measured on the east ³side with the measuring
 reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring
 reed round about. He measured on the north 17
³side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring
 reed round about. He measured on the south 18
³side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring

¹ Or, fence

² Or, they were
 as long as they,
 and as broad
 as they

³ Heb. wind.

19 reed. He turned about to the west ¹side, and ¹ Heb. *wind*.
 measured five hundred reeds with the measur-
 20 ing reed. He measured it ²on the four sides: ² Heb. *toward*
 it had a wall round about, the length five *the four winds*.
 hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make
 a separation between that which was holy and
 that which was common.

43 ¹ Afterward he brought me to the gate, even
² the gate that looketh toward the east: and, be-
 hold, the glory of the God of Israel came from
 the way of the east: and his voice was like the
 sound of many waters: and the earth shined
³ with his glory. And it was according to the
 appearance of the vision which I saw, even ac-
 cording to the vision that I saw when I came
 to destroy the city; and the visions were like
 the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and
⁴ I fell upon my face. And the glory of the
 LORD came into the house by the way of the
⁵ gate whose prospect is toward the east. And
 the spirit took me up, and brought me into the
 inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD
⁶ filled the house. And I heard one speaking
 unto me out of the house; and a man stood by
⁷ me. And he said unto me, Son of man, *this* is
 the place of my throne, and the place of the
 soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst
 of the children of Israel for ever: and the house
 of Israel shall no more defile my holy name,
 neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom,
 and by the carcases of their kings ³*in* their high ³ Or, accord-
⁸ places; in their setting of their threshold by *ing to another*
 my threshold, and their doorpost beside my *reading, in*
 doorpost, and there was *but* the wall between *their death*
 me and them; and they have defiled my holy
 name by their abominations which they have
 committed: wherefore I have consumed them
⁹ in mine anger. Now let them put away their

whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

Thou, son of man, shew the house to the ¹⁰ house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ¹pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that ¹¹ they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof, and write it in their sight: that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. This is the law of the house; Upon the ¹² top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

And these are the measures of the altar by ¹³ cubits: (the cubit is a cubit and an hand breadth:)

The ²bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about a span: and this shall be the ³base of the altar. And from the bottom ¹⁴ ⁴upon the ground to the lower ⁵settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. And the ¹⁵

⁶upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the

⁷altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. And the altar hearth shall be twelve ¹⁶

¹cubits long by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. And the settle shall be fourteen ¹⁷ cubits long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.

¹ Or, *sum*

² Or, *hollow*
Heb. *bosom*.

³ Heb. *back*.

⁴ Or, *at*

⁵ Or, *ledge*

⁶ Heb. *Harel*.

⁷ Heb. *Ariel*.
See Isai. xxix.
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- 18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith
the Lord GOD: These are the ordinances of the
altar in the day when they shall make it, to
offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle
19 blood thereon. Thou shalt give to the priests
the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which
are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith
the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offer-
20 ing. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof,
and put it on the four horns of it, and on the
four corners of the settle, and upon the border
round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and
21 make atonement for it. Thou shalt also take
the bullock of the sin offering, and he shall burn
it in the appointed place of the house, without
22 the sanctuary. And on the second day thou
shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin
offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as
23 they did cleanse it with the bullock. When
thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou
shalt offer a young bullock without blemish,
and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
24 And thou shalt bring them near before the
LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them,
and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering
25 unto the LORD. Seven days shalt thou prepare
every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall
also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of
26 the flock, without blemish. Seven days shall
they make atonement for the altar and purify
27 it; so shall they ¹consecrate it. And when
they have accomplished the days, it shall be,
that upon the eighth day, and forward, the
priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the
altar, and your peace offerings; and I will
accept you, saith the Lord GOD.
- 44 1 Then he brought me back the way of the
outer gate of the sanctuary which looketh to-

¹ Heb. *fill the hands thereof.*
Ex. xxix. 24.

ward the east; and it was shut. And the LORD ² said unto me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. As ³ for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. Then he brought ⁴ me the way of the north gate before the house, and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. And the LORD said unto me, ⁵ Son of man, ¹mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and ¹mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. And ⁶ thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, in that ye have brought in aliens, ⁷ uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and ²they have broken my covenant, ³to add unto all your abominations. And ye ⁸ have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. Thus saith the Lord ⁹ God, No stranger, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel. But the Levites that went ¹⁰ far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray from me after their idols; they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ¹¹

¹ Heb. set
thine heart
upon.

² Most ancient
versions have,
ye.

³ Or, in all

- ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand
12 before them to minister unto them. Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumblingblock of iniquity unto the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God,
13 and they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near unto me, to execute the office of priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, unto the things that are most holy: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.
14 Yet will I make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary, when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord
16 God: they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister
17 unto me, and they shall keep my charge. And it shall be, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the
18 inner court, and ¹within. They shall have ¹Or, in the
linen tires upon their heads, and shall have ^{house}linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with *any thing that causeth*
19 sweat. And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they

minister, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments, that they sanctify not the people with their garments. Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer ²⁰ their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. Neither shall any priest drink ²¹ wine, when they enter into the inner court. Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, ²² nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that is the widow of a priest. And they ²³ shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. And in a controversy they shall stand to judge; ²⁴ according to my judgements shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall hallow ²⁵ my sabbaths. And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. And after he is ²⁶ cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. And in the day that he goeth into the ²⁷ sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall have an ²⁸ inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. They shall eat the meal offer- ²⁹ ing, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. And the first of all the firstfruits of ³⁰ every thing, and every ¹oblation of every thing, of all your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your ²dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thine

¹ Or, *heave offering*

² Or, *coarse meal*

31 house. The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

45 1 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, ¹an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth shall be ²ten thousand: it shall be holy in all the border 2 thereof round about. Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred *in length* by five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for the ³suburbs thereof round 3 about. And of this measure shalt thou measure, a length of five and twenty thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the 4 sanctuary, which is most holy. It is an holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which come near to minister unto the LORD; and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the 5 sanctuary. And five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be unto the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto themselves, *for* ⁴twenty 6 chambers. And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the 7 whole house of Israel. And whatsoever is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward: and in length answerable unto one of the portions, from the west border unto the 8 east border. ⁵In the land it shall be to him for

¹ Heb. *holiness*.

² The LXX. has *twenty*.

³ Or, *open space*

⁴ The LXX. has *cities to dwell in*.

⁵ Or, *Is touching*

a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

Thus saith the Lord God: Let it suffice you, 9
 O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgement and justice; take away your ¹exactions from my people, saith the Lord God. Ye shall have just balances, and a just 10
 ephah, and a just bath. The ephah and the 11
 bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer. And the 12
 shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh. This is the oblation that ye shall 13
 offer; the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley: and the set 14
 portion of oil, of the bath of oil, shall be the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which* is ten baths, even a homer; for ten baths are a homer: and one lamb of the flock, out of two 15
 hundred, from the ²fat pastures of Israel; for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord God. All the people of the 16
 land ³shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Israel. And it shall be the prince's part to 17
 give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

¹ Heb. *ex-*
pulsions.

² Heb. *well*
watered.

³ Heb. *shall*
be for.

- 18 Thus saith the Lord God: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt
19 cleanse the sanctuary. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the door posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ¹settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. ¹ Or, ledge
20 And so thou shalt do on the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye make atonement for
21 the house. In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall
22 be eaten. And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of
23 the land a bullock for a sin offering. And the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days;
24 and a he-goat daily for a sin offering. And he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of
25 oil to an ephah. In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.
- 46 1 Thus saith the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the
2 new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at

the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth: but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. And the people of the land shall ³ worship at the door of that gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons. And the burnt offering that the prince shall ⁴ offer unto the LORD shall be in the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; and the meal offering shall be an ⁵ ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. And in the day of the new moon ⁶ it shall be a young bullock without blemish; and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: and he shall prepare a meal offering, ⁷ an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as ¹he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. And when the ⁸ prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. But when the people of the ⁹ land shall come before the LORD in the appointed feasts, he that entereth by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight before him. And the prince, ¹⁰ when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, ²they shall go forth *together*. And in the feasts and in the ¹¹ ³solemnities the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. And when the prince shall pre- ¹² pare a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering unto the

¹ Heb. *his hand shall attain unto*.

² Or, according to another reading, *he shall go forth*

³ Or, *appointed feasts*

- LORD, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut
- 13 the gate. And thou shalt prepare a lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering unto the LORD daily: morning by morning
- 14 shalt thou prepare it. And thou shalt prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to ¹moisten the fine flour; a meal offering unto the LORD continually by a per-
- 15 petual ordinance. Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.
- 16 Thus saith the Lord GOD: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their
- 17 possession by inheritance. But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance
- 18 it shall be for his sons. Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to ²thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.
- 19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on
- 20 the hinder part westward. And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to

¹ Or, mix
with

² Heb. *ap-
press*.

sanctify the people. Then he brought me forth ²¹ into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. In ²² the four corners of the court there were courts ¹enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. And there was a row *of building* round about ²³ in them, round about the four, and it was made with boiling-places under the rows round about. Then said he unto me, These are the boiling- ²⁴ houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

And he brought me back unto the door of ¹ **47** the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house was toward the east: and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. Then brought he me out by the way of ² the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of *the gate* that looketh toward the east; and, behold, there ²ran out waters on the right side. When the man went forth eastward with the ³ line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. Again he ⁴ measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through *the waters*, waters that were to the loins. Afterward he measured ⁵ a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said unto me, Son of man, ⁶ hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me,

¹ Or, joined on

² Or, trickled forth

- and caused me to return to the bank of the
 7 river. Now when I had returned, behold,
 upon the bank of the river were very many
 8 trees on the one side and on the other. Then
 said he unto me, These waters issue forth
 toward the eastern region, and shall go down
 into the ¹plain: and they shall go toward the ¹Heb. *Arabah*.
 sea; into the sea *shall the waters go* which were
 made to issue forth; and the waters shall be
 9 healed. And it shall come to pass that every
 living creature which swarmeth, in every place
 whither the ²rivers come, shall live; and there ²Heb. *two*
 shall be a very great multitude of fish: for *rivers*.
 these waters are come thither, and *the waters*
of the sea shall be healed, and every thing shall
 10 live whithersoever the river cometh. And it
 shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by
 it: from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim shall be
 a place for the spreading of nets; their fish
 shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the
 11 great sea, exceeding many. But the miry
 places thereof, and the marishes thereof, shall
 12 not be healed; they are given up to salt. And
 by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side
 and on that side, shall grow every tree for
 meat, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall
 the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth ³new ³Heb. *first-*
 fruit every month, because the waters thereof *fruits*.
 issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit there-
 of shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for
 healing.
 13 Thus saith the Lord GOD: This shall be the
 border, whereby ye shall divide the land for
 inheritance according to the twelve tribes of
 14 Israel: Joseph *shall have* ⁴portions. And ye ⁴Some an-
 shall inherit it, one as well as another; ⁵con- *cient versions*
 cerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give *have, two*
 it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall *portions*.
⁵Or, *for that*
I lifted up

unto you for inheritance. And this shall be the ¹⁵ border of the land: on the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, unto the entering in of Zedad; Hamath, Berothah, ¹⁶ Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; ¹Hazerhatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar- ¹⁷ enon at the border of Damascus, and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. And the east side, ¹⁸ between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be Jordan; from the *north* border unto the east sea shall ye measure. This is the east side. And the ¹⁹ south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the river, unto the great sea. This is the south side southward. And the west side shall be ²⁰ the great sea, from the *south* border as far as over against the entering in of Hamath. This is the west side. So shall ye divide this land ²¹ unto you according to the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass that ye shall divide it ²² by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the homeborn among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall come ²³ to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

Now these are the names of the tribes: from ¹ **48** the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entering in of Hamath, Hazar-enon, at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath; and they shall have their sides east *and*

¹ Or, the middle Hazer

- 2 west; Dan, one *portion*. And by the border of
 Dan, from the east side unto the west side;
 3 Asher, one *portion*. And by the border of
 Asher, from the east side even unto the west
 4 side; Naphtali, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the
 5 west side; Manasseh, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the
 6 west side; Ephraim, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Ephraim, from the east side even
 7 unto the west side; Reuben, one *portion*. And
 by the border of Reuben, from the east side
 unto the west side; Judah, one *portion*.
 8 And by the border of Judah, from the east
 side unto the west side, shall be the oblation
 which ye shall offer, five and twenty thousand
reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the
 portions, from the east side unto the west side:
 and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD
 shall be five and twenty thousand *reeds* in
 10 length, and ten thousand in breadth. And for
 these, even for the priests, shall be the holy
 oblation; toward the north five and twenty
 thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten
 thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten
 thousand in breadth, and toward the south five
 and twenty thousand in length: and the sanc-
 tuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.
 11 ¹ It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of
 the sons of Zadok, which have kept my charge;
 which went not astray when the children of
 Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
 12 And it shall be unto them an oblation from the
 oblation of the land, a thing most holy, by the
 13 border of the Levites. And answerable unto
 the border of the priests, the Levites shall have
 five and twenty thousand in length, and ten

¹ Or, *The sanc-
 tified portion
 shall be for
 the priests*

¹ The LXX.
has *twenty*.

thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ¹ten thousand. And they shall not sell of it, neither ¹⁴ exchange it, nor shall the firstfruits of the land be alienated: for it is holy unto the LORD. And the five thousand that are left in the ¹⁵ breadth, in front of the five and twenty thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof. And these shall be the ¹⁶ measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. And the ¹⁷ city shall have suburbs; toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. And the residue in the ¹⁸ length, answerable unto the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labour in the city. And they that labour in the city, out of all the ¹⁹ tribes of Israel, shall till it. All the oblation ²⁰ shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

² See xlv. 7.

² And the residue shall be for the prince, on ²¹ the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it

shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in
22 the midst thereof. Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side; Benjamin, one

24 *portion*. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side; Simeon, one

25 *portion*. And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side; Issachar, one

26 *portion*. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side; Zebulun, one

27 *portion*. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side; Gad, one

28 *portion*. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Meribath-ka-

29 desh, to the river, unto the great sea. This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 And these are the goings out of the city; on the north side four thousand and five hundred

31 *reeds* by measure: and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi,

32 one: and at the east side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*; and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the

33 gate of Dan, one: and at the south side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure; and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun,

one: at the west side four thousand and five 34
hundred *reeds*, with their three gates: the
gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the
gate of Naphtali, one. It shall be eighteen 35
thousand *reeds* round about: and the name of
the city from that day shall be, ¹The LORD is
there.

¹ Heb.
*Jehovah-
shammah*.
See Exod.
xvii. 15.



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THE
BOOK OF DANIEL.

- 1 ¹ IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king
of Judah came Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon
² unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord
gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand,
with part of the vessels of the house of God;
and he carried them into the land of Shinar
to the house of his god: and he brought the
³ vessels into the treasure house of his god. And
the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of
his eunuchs, that he should bring in *certain* of
the children of Israel, even of the seed royal
⁴ and of the nobles; youths in whom was no
blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all
wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and under-
standing science, and such as had ability to
stand in the king's palace; and that he should
teach them the learning and the tongue of the
⁵ Chaldeans. And the king appointed for them
a daily portion of the king's ¹meat, and of the ¹Or, dainties
wine which he drank, and that they should be
nourished three years; that at the end thereof
⁶ they might stand before the king. Now among
these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel,
⁷ Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. And the
prince of the eunuchs gave names unto them:
unto Daniel he gave *the name of* Belteshazzar;
and to Hananiah, *of* Shadrach; and to Mishael,
of Meshach; and to Azariah, *of* Abed-nego.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would 8
not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with
the wine which he drank: therefore he requested
of the prince of the eunuchs that he might
not defile himself. Now God made Daniel to 9
find favour and compassion in the sight of the
prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of 10
the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord
the king, who hath appointed your meat and
your drink: for why should he see your faces
worse liking than the youths which are of your
own age? so should ye endanger my head with
the king. Then said Daniel to ¹the steward, 11
whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed
over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah;
Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; 12
and let them give us pulse to eat, and water
to drink. Then let our countenances be looked 13
upon before thee, and the countenance of the
youths that eat of the king's meat; and as thou
seest, deal with thy servants. So he hearkened 14
unto them in this matter, and proved them
ten days. And at the end of ten days their 15
countenances appeared fairer, and they were
fatter in flesh than all the youths which did
eat of the king's meat. So ¹the steward took 16
away their meat, and the wine that they should
drink, and gave them pulse. Now as for these 17
four youths, God gave them science and skill,
in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had
understanding in all visions and dreams. And 18
at the end of the days which the king had
²appointed for bringing them in, the prince of
the eunuchs brought them in before Nebucad-
nezzar. And the king communed with them; 19
and among them all was found none like Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore
stood they before the king. And in every 20

¹ Heb. *Hame-
melzar.*

² Heb. *said.*

matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and
 21 enchanters that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

2 1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebucadnezzar Nebucadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake
 2 from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood
 3 before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is
 4 troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king ¹in the Syrian language,
 O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the
 5 dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, ²The
 thing is gone from me: if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses
 6 shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream and the in-
 7 terpretation thereof. They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
 8 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would ³gain time, because
 9 ye see ⁴the thing is gone from me. But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the

¹ Or, in Aramaic

² Or, The word is gone forth from me

³ Chald. buy the time.

⁴ Or, the word is gone forth from me: that is, we.

interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered ¹⁰
 before the king, and said, There is not a man
 upon the earth that can shew the king's matter :
 forasmuch as no king, ¹lord, nor ruler, hath
 asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter,
 or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the ¹¹
 king requireth, and there is none other that can
 shew it before the king, except the gods, whose
 dwelling is not with flesh. For this cause the ¹²
 king was angry and very furious, and com-
 manded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.
 So the decree went forth, and the wise men ¹³
 were to be slain ; and they sought Daniel and
 his companions to be slain. Then Daniel re- ¹⁴
 turned answer with counsel and prudence to
 Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which
 was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon ;
 he answered and said to Arioch the king's ¹⁵
 captain, Wherefore is the decree so urgent from
 the king ? Then Arioch made the thing known
 to Daniel. And Daniel went in, and desired ¹⁶
 of the king that he would ²appoint him a time,
³and he would shew the king the interpreta-
 tion.

¹ Or, be he
 never so great
 and powerful,
 hath &c.

² Or, give him
 time

³ Or, that he
 might

Then Daniel went to his house, and made ¹⁷
 the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and
 Azariah, his companions : that they would desire ¹⁸
 mercies of the God of heaven concerning this
 secret ; that Daniel and his companions should
 not perish with the rest of the wise men of
 Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto ¹⁹
 Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel
 blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered ²⁰
 and said, Blessed be the name of God for
 ever and ever : for wisdom and might are his :
 and he changeth the times and the seasons : ²¹
 he removeth kings, and setteth up kings : he
 giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge

- 22 to them that know understanding: he revealeth
the deep and secret things: he knoweth what
is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with
23 him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou
God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom
and might, and hast now made known unto me
what we desired of thee: for thou hast made
24 known unto us the king's matter. Therefore
Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had
appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon:
he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not
the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before
the king, and I will shew unto the king the
interpretation.
- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the
king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have
found a man of the children of the captivity of
Judah, that will make known unto the king the
26 interpretation. The king answered and said
to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art
thou able to make known unto me the dream
which I have seen, and the interpretation there-
27 of? Daniel answered before the king, and said,
The secret which the king hath demanded can
neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor
28 soothsayers, shew unto the king; but there is
a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and
he hath made known to the king Nebucadnezzar
what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream,
and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are
29 these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came
into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come
to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets
hath made known to thee what shall come to
30 pass. But as for me, this secret is not re-
vealed to me for any wisdom that I have more
than any living, but to the intent that the
interpretation may be made known to the king,

and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest, and behold ³¹ a great image. This image which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible. As ³² for this image, his head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of ³³ iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a ³⁴ stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the ³⁵ iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great ¹mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we ³⁶ will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto ³⁷ whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the ³⁸ beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: thou art the head of gold. And after thee shall arise another ³⁹ kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be ⁴⁰ strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. And whereas thou sawest the feet and ⁴¹ toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as

¹ Or, rock

- 42 thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And
as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and
part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly
43 strong, and partly ¹broken. And whereas thou ¹ Or, brittle
sawest the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall
mingle themselves with the seed of men; but
they shall not cleave one to another, even as
44 iron doth not mingle with clay. And in the
days of those kings shall the God of heaven set
up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed,
nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to
another people; but it shall break in pieces
and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall
45 stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that
a stone was cut out of the mountain without
hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the
brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the
great God hath made known to the king what
shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream
is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.
46 Then the king Nebucadnezzar fell upon his face,
and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that
they should offer an oblation and sweet odours
47 unto him. The king answered unto Daniel,
and said, Of a truth your God is the God of
gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of
secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal
48 this secret. Then the king made Daniel great,
and gave him many great gifts, and made him
to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and
to be chief governor over all the wise men of
49 Babylon. And Daniel requested of the king,
and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon:
but Daniel was ²in the gate of the king.
3 1 Nebucadnezzar the king made an image
of gold, whose height was threescore cubits,
and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it

² Or, at the
king's court

up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebucadnezzar the king sent ² to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the ¹judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ²sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebucadnezzar the king had set up. Then the satraps, the deputies, and ³ the governors, the ¹judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ²sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebucadnezzar the king had set up ; and they stood before the image that Nebucadnezzar had set up. Then ⁴ the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at what ⁵ time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, ³dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebucadnezzar the king hath set up : and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth ⁶ shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, ⁷ when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebucadnezzar the king had set up. Wherefore at that time certain ⁸ Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. They answered and said to ⁹ Nebucadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every ¹⁰ man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image : and whoso falleth not down ¹¹ and worshippeth, shall be cast into the midst

¹ Or, chief
soothsayers

² Or, lawyers

³ Or, bagpipe

- 12 of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain
 Jews whom thou hast appointed over the
 affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king,
 have not regarded thee: they serve not thy
 gods, nor worship the golden image which
 13 thou hast set up. Then Nebucadnezzar in *his*
 rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought
 14 these men before the king. Nebucadnezzar
 answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose,
 O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye
 serve not my god, nor worship the golden image
 15 which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that
 at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet,
 flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer,
 and all kinds of music, ye fall down and
 worship the image which I have made, *well*:
 but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the
 same hour into the midst of a burning fiery
 furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver
 16 you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach,
 and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king,
 O Nebucadnezzar, ¹we have no need to answer
 17 thee in this matter. ²If it be *so*, our God whom
 we serve is able to deliver us from the burning
 fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of
 18 thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known
 unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy
 gods, nor worship the golden image which thou
 19 hast set up. Then was Nebucadnezzar full of
 fury, and the form of his visage was changed
 against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego:
therefore he spake, and commanded that they
 should heat the furnace seven times more
 20 than it was wont to be heated. And he com-
 manded certain mighty men that were in his
 army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

¹ Or, *we are not careful*

² Or, *Behold, our God &c.*

Or, *If our God whom we serve be able to deliver us, he will deliver us from &c.*

nego, *and* to cast them into the burning fiery
 furnace. Then these men were bound in their ²¹
 hosen, their ¹tunics, and their mantles, and their
other garments, and were cast into the midst
 of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because ²²
 the king's commandment was urgent, and the
 furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew
 those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and
 Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, ²³
 Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into
 the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then ²⁴
 Nebucadnezzar the king was astonished, and
 rose up in haste: he spake, and said unto his
 counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound
 into the midst of the fire? They answered
 and said unto the king, True, O king. He ²⁵
 answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose,
 walking in the midst of the fire, and they have
 no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like
 a son ²of the gods. Then Nebucadnezzar came ²⁶
 near to the ³mouth of the burning fiery furnace:
 he spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and
 Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God,
 come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth out of
 the midst of the fire. And the satraps, the ²⁷
 deputies, and the governors, and the king's
 counsellors, being gathered together, saw these
 men, ⁴upon whose bodies the fire had no power,
 nor was the hair of their head singed, neither
 were their hosen changed, nor had the smell
 of fire passed on them. Nebucadnezzar spake, ²⁸
 and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his
 angel, and delivered his servants that trusted
 in him, and have changed the king's word, and
 have yielded their bodies, that they might not
 serve nor worship any god, except their own

¹ Or, *turbans*

² Or, *of God*

³ Chald. *door*.

⁴ Or, *that the
fire had no
power upon
their bodies*

29 God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other god that is able to
 30 deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

4 1 Nebucadnezzar the king, unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the
 2 earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. It hath seemed good unto me to shew the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought
 3 toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

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in Chald.

4 I Nebucadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace. I saw a dream
 which made me afraid; and the ¹thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled
 6 me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. Then came in the
 7 magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me
 8 the interpretation thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods:
 9 and I told the dream before him, *saying*, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the

Chap. iv. 1 in
Chald.

¹ Or,
imaginations

interpretation thereof. Thus were the visions ¹⁰
of my head upon my bed: I saw, and behold
a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height
thereof was great. The tree grew, and was ¹¹
strong, and the height thereof reached unto
heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of
all the earth. The leaves thereof were fair, and ¹²
the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for
all: the beasts of the field had shadow under
it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the
branches thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.
I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, ¹³
and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came
down from heaven. He cried aloud, and said ¹⁴
thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his
branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his
fruit: let the beasts get away from under it,
and the fowls from his branches. Neverthe- ¹⁵
less leave the stump of his roots in the earth,
even with a band of iron and brass, in the
tender grass of the field; and let it be wet
with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be
with the beasts in the grass of the earth: let ¹⁶
his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's
heart be given unto him; and let seven times
pass over him. The sentence is by the decree ¹⁷
of the watchers, and the demand by the word
of the holy ones: to the intent that the living
may know that the Most High ruleth in the
kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever
he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of
men. This dream I king Nebucadnezzar have ¹⁸
seen: and thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the
interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of
my kingdom are not able to make known unto
me the interpretation; but thou art able, for
the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, ¹⁹

¹ Or, matter

was astonished for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine
20 adversaries. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all
21 the earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven
22 had their habitation: it is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and
23 thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field,
24 till seven times pass over him; this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord
25 the king: that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomso-
26 ever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou

shalt have known that the heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable ²⁷ unto thee, and ¹break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if there may be ²a lengthening of thy tranquillity. All this came upon the king ²⁸ Nebucadnezzar. At the end of twelve months ²⁹ he was walking ³in the royal palace of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this Babylon ³⁰ the great, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty? While the word was in ³¹ the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebucadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And thou shalt be driven from men, and thy ³² dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled ³³ upon Nebucadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair was grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*. And at the end of the days I ³⁴ Nebucadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation: and all ³⁵ the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can ⁴stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the ³⁶

¹ Or, *redeem*² Or, as otherwise read, *a healing of thine error*³ Chald. *upon*.⁴ Chald. *strike*.

same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebucadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

5 1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before
2 the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebucadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his lords, his wives,
3 and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.
4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of
5 stone. In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of
6 the hand that wrote. Then the king's ¹coun-
tenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against
7 another. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold

¹Chald. *bright-ness*.

about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's 8 wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known unto the king the interpretation. Then was king Belshazzar greatly 9 troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. *Now* the 10 queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in 11 thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him: and the king Nebucadnezzar thy father, ¹the king, *I say*, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; foras- 12 much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

¹ Or, *thy father, O king,*

Then was Daniel brought in before the king. 13 The king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? I have heard of thee, 14 that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise men, the 15 enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing. But I have heard of thee, that thou 16

canst give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third
17 ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king,
18 and make known to him the interpretation. O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebucadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness,
19 and glory, and majesty: and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he
20 put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they
21 took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven: until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up
22 over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart,
23 though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose

hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed, ¹ MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

¹ That is, numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions.

This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. ² PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

Chap. vi. 1 in Chald.

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty satraps, which should be throughout the whole kingdom; and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the

³ Or, came tumultuously (and so in vv. 11, 15)

- presidents of the kingdom, the deputies, and the satraps, the counsellors, and the governors, have consulted together ¹to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he
- 8 shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which ²altereth
- 9 not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict. And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house ; (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem ;) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- 11 Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before
- 12 his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict ; Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions ? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which
- 13 altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a
- 14 day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him : and he laboured till the going
- 15 down of the sun to rescue him. Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law

¹ Or, *that the king should establish a statute, and make &c.*

² Chald. *passeth not away.*

of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were ¹instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice: the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces, or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

¹ Or, dancing girls

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all the peoples,
nations, and languages, that dwell in all the
26 earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a
decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom
men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:
for he is the living God, and stedfast for
ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be
destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto
27 the end: he delivereth and rescueth, and he
worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in
earth; who hath delivered Daniel from the power
28 of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the
reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the
Persian.

7 1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon
Daniel ¹had a dream and visions of his head
upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and
2 told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and
said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold,
the four winds of the heaven brake forth upon
3 the great sea. And four great beasts came up
4 from the sea, diverse one from another. The
first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I
beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and
it was lifted up from the earth, and made to
stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's
5 heart was given to it. And behold another
beast, a second, like to a bear, and ²it was raised
up on one side, and three ribs were in his mouth
between his teeth: and they said thus unto it,
6 Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld,
and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon
the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast
had also four heads; and dominion was given
7 to it. After this I saw in the night visions,
and behold a fourth beast, terrible and ³power-
ful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great
iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and

¹ Chald. *saw*.

² Or, as other
wise read, *it*
raised up one
dominion

³ Or, *dreadful*

stamped the residue with his feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, 8 and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld 9 till thrones were ¹placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, *and* the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and 10 came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgement was set, and the books were opened. I beheld at that time because of the voice of 11 the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and he was given ²to be burned with fire. And as for the rest of the beasts, their 12 dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in 13 the night visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And 14 there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

As for me Daniel, my spirit was grieved in 15 the midst of ³my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of 16 them that stood by, and asked him the truth

¹ Or, *cast down*

² Chald. *to the burning of fire.*

³ Chald. *the sheath.*

concerning all this. So he told me, and made me
17 know the interpretation of the things. These
great beasts, which are four, are four kings,
18 which shall arise out of the earth. But the
saints of the Most High shall receive the king-
dom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even
19 for ever and ever. Then I desired to know
the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was
diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible,
whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of
brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and
20 stamped the residue with his feet; and con-
cerning the ten horns that were on his head,
and the other *horn* which came up, and before
which three fell; even that horn that had eyes,
and a mouth that spake great things, whose
21 look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld,
and the same horn made war with the saints,
22 and prevailed against them; until the ancient
of days came, and judgement was given ¹to the ¹ Or, *for*
saints of the Most High; and the time came
23 that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus
he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth king-
dom upon earth, which shall be diverse from
all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole
earth, and shall ²tread it down, and break it ² Or, *through it*
24 in pieces. And as for the ten horns, out of
this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another
shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse
from the former, and he shall put down three
25 kings. And he shall speak words against the
Most High, and shall wear out the saints of
the Most High: and he shall think to change
the times and the law; and they shall be given
into his hand until a time and times and half
26 a time. But the judgement shall sit, and they
shall take away his dominion, to consume and
27 to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom

and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

¹ Chald.
Hitherto.

¹ Here is the end of the matter. As for me ²⁸ Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my ² countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

² Chald.
brightness.

In the third year of the reign of king Bel- ¹ 8
shazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in the vision; now it was ²
³ so that when I saw, I was in Shushan the ³ palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. Then ³
I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, ⁴
and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself. And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat ⁵
came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and ⁴ touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And ⁶
he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power. And I saw ⁷
him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him: but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none that could deliver the

³ Or, *castle*

⁴ Heb. *none touched the ground.*

- 8 ram out of his hand. And the he-goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable *horns* toward the four
 9 winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and to-
 10 ward the glorious *land*. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground,
 11 and trampled upon them. Yea, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and ¹it took away from him the continual *burnt offering*, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
 12 And ²the host was given over *to it* together with the continual *burnt offering* because of transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did *its pleasure* and prospered.
 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said unto that certain one which spake, How long shall be the vision *concerning* the continual *burnt offering*, and the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the sanctuary
 14 and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said ³unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings *and* mornings; then shall the sanctuary be ⁴cleansed.
 15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought ⁵to understand it, and behold, there stood before me as
 16 the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand
 17 the vision. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth
 18 to the time of the end. Now as he was speak-

¹ Another reading is, *the continual burnt offering was taken away.*

² Or, *an host was given to it against the &c.*
 Or, *an host was set over the &c.*

³ According to ancient versions, *unto him.*

⁴ Heb. *justified.*

⁵ Heb. *understanding.*

ing with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me ¹upright. And he said, Behold, I ¹⁹ will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation: for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end. The ram which ²⁰ thou sawest that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough ²¹ he-goat is the king of ²Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. And as for that which was broken, in the place ²² whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when ²³ the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall ²⁴ be mighty, but not ³by his own power; and he shall ⁴destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*: and he shall ⁴destroy the mighty ones and ⁵the holy people. And through his ²⁵ policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he ⁴destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the ²⁶ vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days *to come*. And ²⁷ I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I was astonished at the vision, ⁶but none understood it.

In the first year of Darius the son of ¹ **9** Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; in the first year of his reign I Daniel under-² stood by the books the number of the years,

¹ Or, *where I had stood*

² Heb. *Javan*.

³ Or, *with his power* See ver. 22.

⁴ Or, *corrupt*

⁵ Heb. *people of the saints*.

⁶ Or, *but there was none to make it understood*

- whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years.
- 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, ¹to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
- 5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from thy precepts and from thy judgements: neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers,
- 7 and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses; ²for we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even turning aside, that they should not obey thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against

¹ Or, to seek after prayer &c.

² Or, though

us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet have we not entreated the favour of the LORD our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and ¹have discernment in thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched over the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth, and we have not obeyed his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy ²righteousness, let thine anger and thy fury, I pray thee, be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are round about us. Now therefore, O our God, hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not ³present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not; for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before

¹ Or, *deal wisely*

² Heb. *righteousnesses*.

³ Heb. *cause to fall*. Jer. xxxvi. 7.

- the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my
 21 God; yea, while I was speaking in prayer,
 the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision
 at the beginning, ¹being caused to fly swiftly,
²touched me about the time of the evening obla-
 22 tion. And he ³instructed me, and talked with
 me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth
 23 to make thee skilful of understanding. At the
 beginning of thy supplications the command-
 ment went forth, and I am come to tell thee;
 for thou art ⁴greatly beloved: therefore consider
 24 the matter, and understand the vision. Seventy
 weeks are determined upon thy people and upon
 thy holy city, ⁵to finish ⁶transgression, and ⁷to
 make an end of sins, and to ⁸make reconciliation
 for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting right-
 eousness, and to seal up vision and ⁹prophecy,
 25 and to anoint ¹⁰the most holy. Know therefore
 and discern, that from the going forth of the
 commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem
 unto ¹¹the Anointed, the prince, shall be ¹²seven
 weeks; and threescore and two weeks, it shall
 be built again, with street and moat, even in
 26 troublous times. And after the threescore and
 two weeks shall ¹³the Anointed be cut off, and
¹⁴shall have nothing: and the people of the
 prince that shall come shall destroy the city
 and the sanctuary; and ¹⁵his end shall be with
 a flood, and even unto the end shall be war;
 27 desolations are determined. And he shall make
 a firm covenant with many for one week: and
¹⁶for the half of the week he shall cause the
 sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and ¹⁷upon
 the wing of abominations *shall come* one that
 maketh desolate; and even unto the consum-
 mation, and that determined, shall *wrath* be
 poured out upon the ¹⁸desolator.
- 10 1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a

¹ Or, being sore wearied² Or, came near unto me³ Or, made me to understand⁴ Or, very precious
Heb. precious things.⁵ Or, to restrain⁶ Or, the transgression⁷ Another reading is, to seal up.⁸ Or, purge away⁹ Heb. prophet.¹⁰ Or, a Holy of holies¹¹ Or, Messiah¹² Or, seven weeks, and¹³ Or, there shall be none belonging to him¹⁴ Or, the end thereof¹⁵ Or, in the midst of¹⁶ Or, upon the pinnacle of abominations shall be &c.¹⁷ Or, desolate

thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name
 was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true,
 even a great warfare: and he understood the
 thing, and had understanding of the vision.
 In those days I Daniel was mourning three ²
 whole weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither ³
 came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did
 I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks
 were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth ⁴
 day of the first month, as I was by the side of
 the great river, which is ¹Hiddekel, I lifted ⁵
 up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man
 clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with
 pure gold of Uphaz: his body also was like ⁶
 the beryl, and his face as the appearance of
 lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his
 arms and his feet like in colour to burnished
 brass, and the voice of his words like the voice
 of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the ⁷
 vision: for the men that were with me saw not
 the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them,
 and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left ⁸
 alone, and saw this great vision, and there re-
 mained no strength in me: for my comeliness
 was turned in me into corruption, and I retained
 no strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: ⁹
 and when I heard the voice of his words, then
 was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with
 my face toward the ground. And, behold, a ¹⁰
 hand touched me, which ²set me upon my knees
 and upon the palms of my hands. And he said ¹¹
 unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved,
 understand the words that I speak unto thee,
 and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent:
 and when he had spoken this word unto me, I
 stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear ¹²
 not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou
 didst set thine heart to understand, and to

¹ That is,
the Tigris

² Or, set me
tottering upon
d.c.

- humble thyself before thy God, thy words were
 13 heard: and I am come for thy words' sake. But
 the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood
 me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one
 of the chief princes, came to help me: and
 I remained there with the kings of Persia.
 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what
 shall befall thy people in the latter days: for
 15 the vision is yet for *many* days. And when he
 had spoken unto me according to these words,
 I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb.
 16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons
 of men touched my lips: then I opened my
 mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood
 before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision
 my sorrows are turned upon me, and I retain
 17 no strength. For how can the servant of this
 my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me,
 straightway there remained no strength in me,
 18 neither was there breath left in me. Then
 there touched me again one like the appearance
 19 of a man, and he strengthened me. And he said,
 O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto
 thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he
 spake unto me, I was strengthened, and said,
 Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened
 20 me. Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore
 I am come unto thee? and now will I return
 to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I
 go forth, lo, the prince of ¹Greece shall come. ¹ Heb. *Javan*.
 21 But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in
 the writing of truth: and there is none that
²holdeth with me ³against these, but Michael
² Heb. *strengtheneth himself*.
 11 ¹ your prince. And as for me, in the first year
 of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and
 strengthen him. ³ Or, *concerning these things*.
 2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold,
 there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia;

and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of ¹Greece. And a mighty king shall stand up, ³that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand ⁴up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside these. And the king of the south shall be ⁵strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. And at ⁶the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make ²an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in those times. But out of a shoot from her roots shall one ⁷stand up in his ³place, which shall come ⁴unto the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: and also their gods, ⁸with their ⁵molten images, *and* with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall ⁶refrain some years from the king of the north. And he shall ⁹come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land. And ¹⁰his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, ⁷which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through: and ⁸they shall return and be stirred up, even to his

¹ Heb. *Javan*.

² Or, *equitable conditions*

³ Or, *office*

⁴ Or, *against*

⁵ Or, *princes*

⁶ Or, *continue more years than &c.*

⁷ Or, *and he*

⁸ Or, *he*

- 11 fortress. And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.
- 12 And the multitude shall ¹be carried away, and his heart shall be exalted: and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.
- 13 And the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, *even of years*, with a great army and
- 14 with much substance. And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the violent among thy people shall lift themselves up to establish
- 15 the vision; but they shall fall. So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take ²the well fenced city: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength
- 16 to withstand. But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his hand shall be
- 17 destruction. And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, ³and 'upright ones with him; and he shall do *his pleasure*: and he shall give him the daughter of women, ⁴to corrupt her: but ⁵she shall not
- 18 stand, neither be for him. After this shall he turn his face unto the ⁷isles, and shall take many: but a ⁶prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; yea, moreover he
- 19 shall cause his reproach to turn upon him. Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and
- 20 shall not be found. Then shall stand up in his

¹ Or, *lift itself up*

² Or, *the fenced cities*

³ According to ancient versions, *and shall make equitable conditions with him; and he shall give &c.*

⁴ Or, *equitable conditions*

⁵ Or, *to destroy it &c.*

⁶ Or, *it*

⁷ Or, *coast lands*

⁸ Or, *captain*

¹ Or, *office*² Heb. *broken*.³ Or, *dainties*⁴ Heb. *break*.⁵ Or, *as the former, or as the latter*

¹ place one that shall cause an exacter to pass through *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be ²destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. And in his ¹place shall ²¹ stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the ²² arms of a flood shall they be swept away from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league ²³ made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small people. In time of security shall he come ²⁴ even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: yea, he shall devise his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. And he shall ²⁵ stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with an exceeding great and mighty army: but he shall not stand, for they shall devise devices against him. Yea, they that eat ²⁶ of his ³meat shall ⁴destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. And as for both these kings, their hearts shall ²⁷ be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. Then shall ²⁸ he return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do *his pleasure*, and return to his own land. At the time appointed he shall return, ²⁹ and come into the south; but it shall not be ⁵in the latter time, as it was in the former. For ³⁰

ships of Chittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do *his pleasure*: he shall even return, and have regard unto them that forsake the holy

31 covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual *burnt offering*, and they shall set up the abomination

32 that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he ¹pervert by flatteries: but the people that know their God

33 shall be strong, and do *exploits*. And ²they that be wise among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame,

34 by captivity and by spoil, *many* days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall join themselves

35 unto them with flatteries. And some of ³them that be wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for the time

36 appointed. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods: and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined

37 shall be done. Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself

38 above all. But in his ⁴place shall he honour the god of fortresses: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant

39 things. And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a strange god, ⁵whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory:

¹ Heb. *make profane.*

² Or, *the teachers of the people*

³ Or, *the teachers*

⁴ Or, *office*

⁵ Or, *whosoever acknowledgeth him he will increase with glory*
Or, *shall increase glory*

and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. And at the 40 time of the end shall the king of the south
¹ Heb. *push at*. contend with him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter 41 also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall be delivered out of his hand, Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall 42 stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But 43 he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the 44 east and out of the north shall trouble him: and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many. And he shall, 45 plant the tents of his palace ² between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And 1 12 at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of 2 them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting ³ contempt. And ⁴ they 3 that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and 4

² Or, *between the seas at*

³ Or, *abhorrence*

⁴ Or, *the teachers*

seal the book, even to the time of the end : many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

- 5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink
6 of the river on that side. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, How long shall it
7 be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things
8 shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not : then said I, O my Lord, what shall
9 be the ¹issue of these things? And he said, ¹ Or, *latter end*
Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are shut
10 up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined : but the wicked shall do wickedly ; and none of the wicked shall understand: but they that be wise shall understand.
11 And from the time that the continual *burnt offering* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a
12 thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand
13 three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be : for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days.

HOSEA.

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, ¹ 1
the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,
Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in
the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of
Israel.

¹ Or, *with* The beginning of that which the LORD ²
spake ¹by Hosea. And the LORD said unto
Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom
and children of whoredom: for the land doth
commit great whoredom, departing from the
LORD. So he went and took Gomer, the daugh- ³
ter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bare
him a son. And the LORD said unto him, Call ⁴
his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I
² Heb. *visit* will ²avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the
house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of
the house of Israel to cease. And it shall come ⁵
to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of
Israel in the valley of Jezreel. And she con- ⁶
ceived again, and bare a daughter. And *the*
LORD said unto him, Call her name ³Lo-ruhamah:
for I will no more have mercy upon the house
of Israel, ⁴that I should in any wise pardon
them. But I will have mercy upon the house ⁷
of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their
God, and will not save them by bow, nor by
sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horse-

³ That is,
That hath
not obtained
mercy.

⁴ Or, *but I*
will utterly
take them
away

- 8 men. Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah,
 9 she conceived, and bare a son. And *the LORD*
 said, Call his name ¹Lo-ammi: for ye are not my
 10 people, and I will not be your *God*. Yet the
 number of the children of Israel shall be as the
 sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor
 numbered; and it shall come to pass, that ²in
 the place where it was said unto them, Ye are
 not my people, it shall be said unto them, *Ye*
 11 *are* the sons of the living God. And the child-
 ren of Judah and the children of Israel shall be
 gathered together, and they shall appoint them-
 selves one head, and shall go up from the land:
 for great shall be the day of Jezreel.
- 2 1 Say ye unto your brethren, ³Ammi; and
 2 to your sisters, ⁴Ruhamah. Plead with your
 mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither
 am I her husband: and let her put away her
 whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries
 3 from between her breasts; lest I strip her
 naked, and set her as in the day that she was
 born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her
 4 like a dry land, and slay her with thirst; yea,
 upon her children will I have no mercy; for
 5 they be children of whoredom. For their
 mother hath played the harlot: she that con-
 ceived them hath done shamefully: for she said,
 I will go after my lovers, that give me my
 bread and my water, my wool and my flax,
 6 mine oil and my ⁵drink. Therefore, behold, I
 will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will
 make a fence against her, that she shall not find
 7 her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers,
 but she shall not overtake them; and she shall
 seek them, but shall not find them: then shall
 she say, I will go and return to my first hus-
 band; for then was it better with me than now.
 8 For she did not know that I gave her the corn,

¹ That is, *Not my people.*
 [ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

² Or, *instead of that which was said*

³ That is, *My people.*

⁴ That is, *That hath obtained mercy.*

⁵ Heb. *drinks.*

and the wine, and the oil, and multiplied unto her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. Therefore will I ¹take back my corn in the time ⁹ thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. And now ¹⁰ will I discover her ²lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, ¹¹ her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her ³solemn assemblies. And I will lay ¹² waste her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. And ¹³ I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, ⁴unto which she burned incense; when she decked herself with her ⁵earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith ¹⁴ the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak ¹⁵ comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of ⁷Achor for a door of hope: and she shall ⁸make answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that ¹⁶ thou shalt call me ⁹Ishi; and shalt call me no more ¹⁰Baali. For I will take away the names ¹⁷ of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name. And in ¹⁸ that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will ¹⁹ betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will

¹ Or, *return, and take away*

² Or, *shame*

³ Or, *appointed feasts*

⁴ Or, *wherein she burned incense to them*

⁵ Or, *nose-rings*

⁶ Heb. *to her heart.*

⁷ That is, *Trouble*; see Josh. vii. 26.

⁸ Or, *sing*

⁹ That is, *My husband.*

¹⁰ That is, *My master.*

betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and
in judgement, and in lovingkindness, and in
20 mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in
faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will
answer, saith the LORD, I will answer the hea-
22 vens, and they shall answer the earth; and the
earth shall answer the corn, and the wine, and
23 the oil; and they shall answer ¹Jezreel. And I
will sow her unto me in the ²earth; and I will
have mercy upon ³her that had not obtained
mercy; and I will say to ⁴them which were not
my people, Thou art my people; and they shall
say, *Thou art my God.*

¹ That is,
Whom God
soroweth.

² Or, *land*

³ Heb. *Lo-
ruhamah.*

⁴ Heb. *Lo-
ammi*, ch. i.
6, 9, 10.

3 ¹ And the LORD said unto me, Go yet, love a
woman beloved ⁵of *her* friend and an adulteress,
even as the LORD loveth the children of Israel,
though they turn unto other gods, and ⁶love
2 cakes of raisins. So I bought her to me for
fifteen pieces of silver, and a homer of barley,
3 and a half homer of barley: and I said unto
her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou
shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be
any man's wife: so will I also be toward thee.
4 For the children of Israel shall abide many
days without king, and without prince, and
without sacrifice, and without ⁷pillar, and with-
5 out ephod or teraphim: afterward shall the
children of Israel return, and seek the LORD
their God, and David their king; and shall
come with fear unto the LORD and to his good-
ness in the latter days.

⁵ Or, *of her
husband, yet
an &c.*

⁶ Or, *them
that love*

⁷ See Lev.
xxvi. 1.

4 ¹ Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of
Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with
the inhabitants of the land, because there is no
truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the
2 land. There is nought but swearing and break-
ing faith, and killing, and stealing, and commit-

ting adultery ; they break out, and blood touch-
 eth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, 3
 and every one that dwelleth therein shall lan-
 guish, with the beasts of the field and the fowls
 of heaven ; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall
 be taken away. Yet let no man strive, neither 4
 let any man reprove ; for thy people are as they
¹that strive with the priest. And thou shalt 5
 stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall
 stumble with thee in the night ; and I will de-
 stroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for 6
 lack of knowledge : because thou hast rejected
 knowledge, ²I will also reject thee, that thou
 shalt be no priest to me : seeing thou hast for-
 gotten the law of thy God, I also will forget
 thy children. As they were multiplied, so they 7
 sinned against me : I will change their glory
 into shame. They feed on the sin of my people, 8
 and set their heart on their iniquity. And it 9
 shall be, like people, like priest : and I will
 punish them for their ways, and will reward
 them their doings. And they shall eat, and not 10
 have enough : they shall commit whoredom,
 and shall not increase : because they have left
 off to take heed to the LORD. Whoredom and 11
³wine and new wine take away the ³understand-
 ing. My people ask counsel at their stock, and 12
 their staff declareth unto them : for the spirit of
 whoredom hath caused them to err, and they
 have gone a whoring from under their God.
 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, 13
 and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and
 poplars and terebinths, because the shadow
 thereof is good : therefore your daughters com-
 mit whoredom, and your ⁴brides commit adultery.
 I will not punish your daughters when they 14
 commit whoredom, nor your ⁴brides when they
 commit adultery : for they themselves go apart

¹ See Deut.
xviii. 12.

² According
to another
reading, *I*
have rejected.

³ Heb. *heart.*

⁴ Or, *daughters*
in law

- with whores, and they sacrifice with ¹the harlots: ¹ See Deut. xxiii. 17.
 and the people that doth not understand shall
¹⁵ be overthrown. Though thou, Israel, play the
 harlot, yet let not Judah ²offend; and come not
 ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven,
¹⁶ nor swear, As the LORD liveth. For Israel
 hath behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn
 heifer: now will the LORD feed them as a lamb
¹⁷ in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols:
¹⁸ let him alone. ³Their drink is become sour: ³ Or, *Their carouse is over*
 they commit whoredom continually: ⁴her ⁵rulers
¹⁹ dearly love shame. The wind hath wrapped
 her up in its ⁶wings, and ⁷they shall be ashamed
 because of their sacrifices. ⁴ Or, *they are given up to love; her rulers are a shame*
⁵ ¹ Hear this, O ye priests, and hearken, ye
 house of Israel, and give ear, O house of the
 king, for ⁸unto you pertaineth the judgement;
 for ye have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net
² spread upon Tabor. And the revolvers are
 gone deep ⁹in making slaughter; but I am ¹⁰a
³ rebuker of them all. I know Ephraim, and
 Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim,
 thou hast committed whoredom, Israel is de-
⁴ filed. ¹¹They will not frame their doings to
 turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredom
 is ¹²within them, and they know not the LORD.
⁵ And the ¹³pride of Israel doth testify to his face:
 therefore Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in
 their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with
⁶ them. They shall go with their flocks and with
 their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall
 not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from
⁷ them. They have dealt treacherously against
 the LORD; for they have ¹⁴borne strange children:
 now shall ¹⁵the new moon devour them with
 their ¹⁶fields. ¹⁴ Or, *begotten*
¹⁵ Or, *a month*
¹⁶ Heb. *por-tions*.
¹⁷ Or, *After thee, Benjamin! See Judg. v. 14.*
⁸ Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet
 in Ramah: sound an alarm at Beth-aven; ¹⁷behind

thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall become a 9
desolation in the day of rebuke: among the
tribes of Israel have I made known that which
shall surely be. The princes of Judah are like 10
them that remove the landmark: I will pour
out my wrath upon them like water. Ephraim 11
is oppressed, he is crushed in judgement; because
he was content to walk after ¹the command.

¹ See 1 Kings
xii. 28;
Mic. vi. 16.
The LXX.
and Syriac
have, *vanity*.

² Or, *And I
was*

³ Or, *a king
that should
contend*

² Therefore am I unto Ephraim as a moth, and 12
to the house of Judah as rottenness. When 13
Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his
wound, then went Ephraim to Assyria, and sent
to ³king Jareb: but he is not able to heal you,
neither shall he cure you of your wound. For 14
I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a
young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I,
will tear and go away; I will carry off, and
there shall be none to deliver. I will go and 15
return to my place, till they ⁴acknowledge their
offence, and seek my face: in their affliction
they will seek me earnestly, *saying*,

⁴ Or, *have
borne their
guilt*

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for 1 6
he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath
smitten, and he will bind us up. After two 2
days will he revive us: on the third day he will
raise us up, and we shall live before him. And 3
let us know, let us follow on to know the LORD:
his going forth is sure as the morning; and he
shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain
that watereth the earth.

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O 4
Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your
⁵goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the dew
that goeth early away. Therefore have I hewed 5
them by the prophets; I have slain them by
the words of my mouth: ⁶and thy judgements
are as the light that goeth forth. For I desire 6
⁵goodness and not sacrifice; and the knowledge

⁵ Or, *kindness*
Or, *mercy*

⁶ According
to some
ancient
versions, and
*my judgement
goeth forth as
the light.*

7 of God more than burnt offerings. But they like ¹Adam have transgressed the covenant: ¹ Or, *men* there have they dealt treacherously against me.

8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, it is 9 stained with blood. ²And as troops of robbers ² Or, *And as robbers lying in wait, so the company of priests do murder &c.* wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way toward Shechem: yea, they have 10 committed lewdness. In the house of Israel I

have seen an horrible thing: there whoredom is 11 *found* in Ephraim, Israel is defiled. Also, O Judah, there is an harvest appointed for thee, when I bring again the captivity of my people.

7 ¹ When I would heal Israel, then is the iniquity of Ephraim discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood: and the thief entereth in, and the troop of robbers ³spoil-

eth without. And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now have their own doings beset them about;

3 they are before my face. They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with

4 their lies. They are all adulterers; they are as an oven heated by the baker; he ceaseth to stir *the fire*, from the kneading of the dough until it

5 be leavened. On the day of our king the princes ⁴made ⁵themselves sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have ⁶made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: ⁷their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a

7 flaming fire. They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.

8 Ephraim, he mixeth himself among the peoples;

9 Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are ⁸here and there upon him, and he

10 knoweth *it* not. And the ⁹pride of Israel doth

³ Or, *maketh a raid*

⁴ According to many ancient versions, *began to be heated with wine.*

⁵ Or, *him*

⁶ Heb. *brought near.*

⁷ According to some ancient versions, *their anger.*

⁸ Heb. *sprinkled.*

⁹ Or, *excellency*

testify to his face : yet they have not returned unto the LORD their God, nor sought him, for all this. And Ephraim is like a silly dove, ¹ without ¹ understanding : they call unto Egypt, they go to Assyria. When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them ; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven : I will chastise them, ² as their congregation hath heard. Woe unto them ! for they have wandered from me : destruction unto them ! for they have trespassed against me : though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds : ³ they assemble themselves for corn and wine, they rebel against me. Though I have ⁴ taught and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. They ⁵ turn, but not to *him that is* on high ; they are like a deceitful bow : their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue : this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

¹ Heb. heart.

² Or, when the report cometh to their congregation

³ According to some ancient authorities, they cut themselves.

⁴ Or, chastened them

⁵ Or, The trumpet to thy mouth ! As an eagle against the house of the LORD !

⁶ Or, they have removed them

⁵ Set the trumpet to thy mouth. As an eagle ¹ *he cometh* against the house of the LORD : because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. They shall cry unto me, My God, we Israel know thee. Israel hath cast off that which is good : the enemy shall pursue him. They have set up kings, but not by me : ⁶ they have made princes, and I knew it not : of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. He hath cast off thy calf, O Samaria ; mine anger is kindled against them : how long will it be ere they attain to innocency ? For from Israel is ⁶ even this : the workman made it, and it is no God : yea, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. For they sow the wind, and they shall

- reap the whirlwind : ¹he hath no standing corn ;
 the blade shall yield no meal ; if so be it yield,
 8 strangers shall swallow it up. Israel is swallowed
 up : now are they among the nations as a vessel
 9 wherein is no pleasure. For they are gone up
 to Assyria, *like* a wild ass alone by himself :
 10 Ephraim hath hired ²lovers. Yea, though they
 hire among the nations, now will I gather them ;
 and they ³begin to be minished by reason of the
 11 burden of the ⁴king of princes. Because Ephraim
 hath multiplied altars to sin, altars have been
 12 unto him to sin. ⁵Though I write for him my
⁶law in tens of thousands, they are counted as a
 13 strange thing. As for the sacrifices of mine
 offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it ; but the
 LORD accepteth them not : now will he remem-
 ber their iniquity, and visit their sins ; they shall
 14 return to Egypt. For Israel hath forgotten his
 Maker, and builded ⁷temples ; and Judah hath
 multiplied fenced cities : but I will send a fire
 upon his cities, and it shall devour the ⁸palaces
 thereof.
- 9 1 Rejoice not, O Israel, ⁹for joy, like the peoples ;
¹⁰for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God,
 2 thou hast loved hire upon every cornfloor. The
 threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed
 3 them, and the new wine shall fail her. They
 shall not dwell in the LORD's land ; but Ephraim
 shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean
 4 food in Assyria. They shall not pour out wine
offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be
 pleasing unto him : their sacrifices shall be unto
 them as the bread of mourners ; all that eat
 thereof shall be polluted : ¹¹for their bread shall
 be for their appetite ; it shall not come into the
 5 house of the LORD. What will ye do in the day
 of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast
 6 of the LORD ? For, lo, they are gone away from

¹ Or, it hath
no stalk

² Heb. loves.

³ Or, as other-
wise read,
shall sorrow
a little, or,
for a little
while

⁴ See Is. x. 8.
Many an-
cient authori-
ties have,
king and
princes.

⁵ Or, I wrote
for him the
ten thousand
things of my
law, but
they &c.

⁶ Or, laws

⁷ Or, palaces

⁸ Or, castles

⁹ Or, unto
exultation

¹⁰ Or, that

¹¹ Or, for their
bread that is
for their
appetite shall
not &c.

destruction, *yet* Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them : their pleasant things of silver, nettles shall possess them : thorns shall be in their tents. The days of visitation are 7 come, the days of recompence are come ; Israel shall know it : the prophet is a fool, the man that hath the spirit is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and because the enmity is great.

¹ Or, *watcheth against*

Ephraim ¹*was* a watchman with my God : as for 8 the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways, and enmity in the house of his God. They have 9 deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah : he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. I found Israel like grapes in 10 the wilderness ; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig tree at her first season : but they

² Or, *separated*

came to Baal-peor, and ²consecrated themselves unto the shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. As for Ephraim, 11 their glory shall fly away like a bird : there shall be no birth, and none with child, and no conception. Though they bring up their children, yet 12 will I bereave them, that there be not a man left : yea, woe also to them when I depart from them ! Ephraim, ³like as I have seen Tyre, is 13

³ Or, *as I have seen, is like Tyre, that is planted &c.*

planted in a pleasant place : but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer. Give them, 14 O LORD : what wilt thou give ? give them a mis-carrying womb and dry breasts. All their wicked- 15 ness is in Gilgal ; for there I hated them : because of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house : I will love them no more ; all their princes are revolvers. Ephraim is smitten, 16 their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit : yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay the beloved fruit of their womb. My God will cast them 17 away, because they did not hearken unto him : and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 ¹ Israel is a luxuriant vine, which putteth forth his fruit : according to the multitude of his fruit he hath multiplied his altars ; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly ²images. ²Their heart is ³divided ; now shall they be found guilty : he shall smite their altars, ³he shall spoil their ¹images. Surely now shall they say, We have no king : for we fear not the LORD ; and the king, what can he do for us ? ⁴They speak *vain* words, ⁴swearing falsely in making covenants : therefore judgement springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. ⁵The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calves of Beth-aven : for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and ⁵the priests thereof that rejoiced over it, for the glory thereof, because it ⁶is departed from it. It also shall be carried unto Assyria for a present to ⁶king Jareb : Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed ⁷of his own counsel. *As for* ⁷Samaria, her king ⁸is cut off, as ⁸foam upon the water. The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed : the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars ; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us ; and to the hills, Fall on ⁹us. O Israel, thou hast sinned ⁹from the days of Gibeah : ¹⁰there they stood ; ¹¹that the battle against the children of iniquity should not overtake them in Gibeah. When it is my desire I will chastise them ; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they are ¹²bound ¹³to their two transgressions. And Ephraim is an heifer that is taught, that loveth to tread out *the corn* ; but I have passed over upon her fair neck : I will set a rider on Ephraim ; Judah ¹²shall plow, Jacob shall break his clods. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to mercy ; break up your fallow ground : for it is

¹ Or, *pillars*² Or, *He hath divided their heart*³ Or, *smooth*⁴ Or, *they swear falsely, they make covenants*⁵ Heb. *Chemarim*,
² Kings xxiii.⁵.⁶ See ch. v. 13.⁷ Or, *Samaria is cut off with her king*⁸ Or, *twigs*⁹ Or, *more than in the days*¹⁰ Or, *there have they continued*¹¹ Or, *shall not the battle &c.*¹² Or, *yoked*¹³ Or, *for*

¹ Or, *teach you righteousness* time to seek the LORD, till he come and ¹rain
righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wick- 13
edness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten
² Or, *faithless-ness* the fruit of ³lies: for thou didst trust in thy way,
in the multitude of thy mighty men. Therefore 14
³ Or, *against* shall a tumult arise ⁴among thy ⁴people, and all
⁴ Heb. *peoples*. thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled
Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother
⁵ Or, *So shall it be done unto you at Beth-el* was dashed in pieces with her children. ⁵So 15
shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great
wickedness: at daybreak shall the king of Israel
be utterly cut off.

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, 1 11
and called my son out of Egypt. As they called 2
them, so they went from them: they sacrificed
unto the Baalim, and burned incense to graven
⁶ Heb. *he took them on his arms*. images. Yet I taught Ephraim to go; ⁶I took 3
them on my arms; but they knew not that I
healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, 4
with bands of love; and I was to them as they
that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid
meat before them. He shall not return into the 5
land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be his
king, because they refused to return. And the 6
sword shall ⁷fall upon his cities, and shall con-
⁷ Or, *rage against* sume his bars, and devour *them*, because of their
own counsels. And my people are bent to back- 7
sliding from me: though they call them to *him*
⁸ Or, *lift him- self up* *that is* on high, none at all will ⁸exalt *him*. How 8
shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I
deliver thee, Israel? *how* shall I make thee as
Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine
heart is turned within me, my compassions are
kindled together. I will not execute the fierce- 9
ness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy
Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy
⁹ Or, *come in wrath* One in the midst of thee: and I will not ⁹enter
into the city. They shall walk after the LORD, 10

who shall roar like a lion : for he shall roar, and the children shall come trembling from the west.

- 11 They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria : and I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith the LORD.

- 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit : ¹but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the

- 12 ¹ Holy One. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind : he continually multiplieth lies and desolation ; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into

- 2 Egypt. The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will ²punish Jacob according to his ways ; according to his doings will he recompense

- 3 him. In the womb he took his brother by the heel ; and in his manhood he ³had power with

- 4 God : yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed : he wept, and made supplication unto him : he found him at Beth-el, and there he

- 5 spake with us ; ⁴even the LORD, the God of

- 6 hosts ; the LORD is his memorial. Therefore turn thou to thy God : keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

- 7 ⁵*He is* ⁶a trafficker, the balances of deceit are

- 8 in his hand : he loveth to ⁷oppress. ⁸And Ephraim said, Surely I am become rich, I have found me wealth : in all my labours they shall

- 9 find in me none iniquity that were sin. But I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt ;

- I will yet again make thee to dwell in tents, as

- 10 in the days of the solemn feast. I have also spoken unto the prophets, and I have multiplied visions ; and ⁹by the ministry of the prophets

- 11 have I used similitudes. Is Gilead iniquity ? they are altogether vanity ; they sacrifice bullocks

in Gilgal : yea, their altars ¹⁰are as heaps in the

[ch. xii. 1 in Heb.]

¹ Or, and Judah is yet unstedfast with God, and with the Holy One who is faithful

² Heb. visit upon.

³ Or, was a prince See Gen. xxxii. 28.

⁴ Or, for the LORD is the God of hosts

⁵ Or, As for Canaan, the &c.

⁶ Or, a Canaanite Heb. Canaan.

⁷ Or, defraud

⁸ Or, Yet

⁹ Heb. by the hand.

¹⁰ Or, shall be

furrows of the fields. And Jacob fled into the ¹² field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. And by a prophet the ¹³ LORD brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he ¹⁴ *preserved*. Ephraim hath provoked to anger most bitterly: therefore shall his blood be left upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

When Ephraim ²spake, there was trembling; ¹ **13** he exalted himself in Israel: but when he ³offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin ² more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let ⁴the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. Therefore ³ they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passeth early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. Yet ⁴ I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; and thou ⁵shalt know no god but me, and beside me there is no saviour. I did know thee in the ⁵ wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled; ⁶ they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore have they forgotten me. Therefore ⁷ am I unto them as a lion: as a leopard will I watch by the way: I will meet them as a bear ⁸ that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart: and there will I devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them. ⁶ It ⁹ is thy destruction, O Israel, ⁷that *thou art* against me, against thy help. Where now is thy king, ¹⁰ that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? I have given thee a king in mine ¹¹ anger, and have taken him away in my wrath.

¹ Or, *kept*

² Or, *spake with trembling &c.*

³ Or, *became guilty*

⁴ Or, *the sacrificers of men*

⁵ Or, *knowest*

⁶ Or, *Thou art destroyed, O Israel; for &c.*

⁷ Or, *for in me, in thine help—Or, but in me is thy help* Some ancient versions have, *Who shall help?*

- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is
 13 laid up in store. The sorrows of a travailing
 woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise
 son; for it is time he should not tarry in the
 14 place of the breaking forth of children. I will
 ransom them from the ¹power of ²the grave; I ¹ Heb. *hand*.
 will redeem them from death: O death, ² Heb. *Shcol*.
 where are thy plagues; O ³grave, ³ Or, *I will be*
 where is thy de-
 struction: repentance shall be hid from mine
 15 eyes. Though he be fruitful among his brethren,
 an east wind shall come, the ⁴breath of the LORD ⁴ Or, *wind*
 coming up from the wilderness, and his spring
 shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried
 up: ⁵he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant ⁵ Or, *it*
 16 vessels. Samaria shall ⁶bear her guilt; for she [ch. xiv. 1 in
 hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by Heb.]
 the sword: their infants shall be dashed in ⁶ Or, *become*
 pieces, and their women with child shall be *desolate*
 ripped up.

- 14 1 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God;
 2 for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take
 with you words, and return unto the LORD: say
 unto him, Take away all iniquity, and ⁷accept ⁷ Or, *receive*
 that which is good: so will we offer ⁸as ⁸ us *graciously*
 3 bullocks *the fruit of* our lips. Asshur shall ⁸ The LXX.
 not save us; we will not ride upon horses: and Syriac
 neither will we say any more to the work of have, *the fruit*
 of our lips.
 4 fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their
 backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine
 5 anger is turned away from him. I will be as
 the dew unto Israel: he shall blossom as the
 lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty
 shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as
 7 Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow
 shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and
 blossom as the vine: ⁹the scent thereof shall be ⁹ Or, *his*
memorial

¹ Or, O
Ephraim
what &c.

as the wine of Lebanon. ¹Ephraim *shall say*, ⁸
What have I to do any more with idols? I
have answered, and will regard him : I am like
a green fir tree ; from me is thy fruit found.
Who is wise, and he shall understand these ⁹
things? prudent, and he shall know them? for
the ways of the LORD are right, and the just
shall walk in them ; but transgressors shall fall
therein. *84-85*

JOEL.

- 1** ¹ THE word of the LORD that came to Joel
² the son of Pethuel. Hear this, ye old men,
 and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
 Hath this been in your days, or in the days of
³ your fathers? Tell ye your children of it,
 and *let* your children *tell* their children, and
⁴ their children another generation. That which
¹ the palmerworm hath left hath ¹ the locust ¹ Probably different kinds of
 eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath locusts, or locusts in different
¹ the cankerworm eaten; and that which the stages of
 cankerworm hath left hath ¹ the caterpillar eaten. growth.
⁵ Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all
 ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine;
⁶ for it is cut off from your mouth. For a nation
 is come up upon my land, strong, and without
 number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and
⁷ he hath the jaw teeth of a great lion. He hath
 laid my vine waste, and ² barked my fig tree: ² Or, *broken*
 he hath made it clean bare, and cast it ³ away; ³ Or, *down*
⁸ the branches thereof are made white. Lament
 like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the
⁹ husband of her youth. The meal offering and
 the drink offering is cut off from the house of
 the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers,
¹⁰ mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth;
 for the corn is wasted, the new wine is ⁴ dried ⁴ Or, *ashamed*
¹¹ up, the oil languisheth. ⁵ Be ashamed, O ye ⁵ Or, *The hus-*
 bandmen are
 ashamed, the
 vinedressers
 howl

husbandmen, howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is ¹withered, ¹² and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field are withered: for joy is ¹withered away from the sons of men. Gird yourselves *with sackcloth*, and lament, ye ¹³ priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, ¹⁴ gather the ²old men *and* all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD. Alas for the day! ¹⁵ for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as destruction from ³the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, ¹⁶ joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seeds ⁴rot under their clods; the garner ¹⁷ are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is ¹withered. How do the beasts ¹⁸ groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; *yea*, the flocks of sheep ⁵are made desolate. O LORD, to thee ¹⁹ do I cry: for the fire hath devoured the ⁶pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. *Yea*, the ²⁰ beasts of the field pant unto thee: for the water brooks are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the ⁶pastures of the wilderness.

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound ¹ ² an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; ² a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread upon

¹ Or, *ashamed*

² Or, *elders*

³ Heb. *Shaddai*.

⁴ Or, *shrivel*

⁵ Or, *suffer punishment*

⁶ Or, *folds*

- the mountains; a great people and a strong, there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after them, even to the years of
 3 many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and
 4 none hath escaped them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as
 5 ¹horsemen, so do they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in
 6 battle array. At their presence the peoples are
 7 in anguish: all faces ²are waxed pale. They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they break not their ranks.
 8 Neither doth one thrust another; they march every one in his path: and when they burst through the weapons, they ³break not off *their*
 9 *course*. They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses;
 10 they enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble: the sun and the moon are darkened, and the
 11 stars withdraw their shining: and the LORD uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great
 12 and very terrible; and who can abide it? Yet even now, saith the LORD, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with
 13 weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

¹ Or, war-horses² Or, have changed (Heb. gathered) colour³ Or, are not wounded

Who knoweth whether he will not turn and ¹⁴repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, ¹⁵call a solemn assembly: gather the people, ¹⁶sanctify the congregation, assemble the ¹old men, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, ¹⁷weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the nations should ²rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?

¹ Or, *elders*

² Or, *use a byword against them*

Then was the LORD jealous for his land, ¹⁸and had pity on his people. And the LORD ¹⁹answered and said unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations: but ²⁰I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, ³his forepart ⁴into the eastern sea, and his hinder part ⁴into the western sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; ²¹for the LORD hath done great things. Be not ²²afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of ²³Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he giveth you ⁵the former rain ⁶in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain,

³ Or, *with his forepart*

⁴ Or, *toward*

⁵ Or, *a teacher of righteousness*

⁶ Or, *in righteousness*

- 24 ¹in the first *month*. And the floors shall be ¹Or, at the
 full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with *first*
 25 wine and oil. And I will restore to you the
 years ²that the locust hath eaten, the canker- ²ch. i. 4.
 worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm,
 my great army which I sent among you.
 26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and shall praise the name of the LORD your
 God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and
 27 my people shall never be ashamed. And ye
 shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and
 that I am the LORD your God, and there is
 none else: and my people shall never be
 ashamed.
 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that [ch. iii. 1 in
 I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and Heb.]
 your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 your old men shall dream dreams, your young
 29 men shall see visions: and also upon the
 servants and upon the handmaids in those days
 30 will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew
 wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood,
 31 and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun
 shall be turned into darkness, and the moon
 into blood, before the great and terrible day
 32 of the LORD come. And it shall come to
 pass, that whosoever shall call on the name
 of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount
 Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those
 that escape, as the LORD hath said, and ³among
 the remnant those whom the LORD doth call. ³Or, in the
 remnant
 whom &c.
 3 ¹For, behold, in those days, and in that time, [ch. iv. 1 in
 when I shall bring again the captivity of Heb.]
 2 Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations,
 and will bring them down into ⁴the valley
 of Jehoshaphat; and I will plead with them
 there for my people and for my heritage Israel,
 whom they have scattered among the nations,

⁴ See ver. 12.

and parted my land. And they have cast 3
lots for my people: and have given a boy for
an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they
might drink. Yea, and what are ye to me, 4
O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the regions of
Philistia? ¹will ye render me a recompence?
and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily
will I return your ²recompence upon your own
head. Forasmuch as ye have taken my silver 5
and my gold, and have carried into your temples
my goodly pleasant things; the children also of 6
Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye
sold unto the sons of the ³Grecians, that ye
might remove them far from their border: be- 7
hold, I will stir them up out of the place
whither ye have sold them, and will return your
²recompence upon your own head; and I will 8
sell your sons and your daughters into the hand
of the children of Judah, and they shall sell
them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far off:
for the LORD hath spoken it.

¹ Or, *will ye
repay a deed
of mine, or
will ye do
ought unto
me? swiftly
&c.*

² Or, *deed*

³ Heb. *Ta-
vanim.*

⁴ Heb.
sanctify.

⁵ Or, *Assemble
yourselves*

⁶ That is, *The
LORD judgeth.*

⁷ Or, *vintage*

⁸ Or, *get you
down*

Proclaim ye this among the nations; ⁴pre- 9
pare war: stir up the mighty men; let all the
men of war draw near, let them come up.
Beat your plowshares into swords, and your 10
pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I
am strong. ⁵Haste ye, and come, all ye nations 11
round about, and gather yourselves together:
thither cause thy mighty ones to come down,
O LORD. Let the nations bestir themselves, 12
and come up to the valley of ⁶Jehoshaphat: for
there will I sit to judge all the nations round
about. Put ye in the sickle, for the ⁷harvest 13
is ripe: come, ⁸tread ye; for the wine press is
full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is
great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley 14
of decision! for the day of the LORD is near
in the valley of decision. The sun and the 15

- moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw
16 their shining. And the LORD shall ¹roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be a refuge unto his people, and a
17 strong hold to the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers
18 pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water ²the
19 valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their
20 land. But Judah shall ³abide for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. And
21 I will ⁴cleanse their blood that I have not
⁵cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

¹ See Amos
i. 2.

² That is, *The valley of acacias.*

³ Or, *be inhabited*

⁴ Or, *clear*

⁵ Or, *cleared*

A M O S.

THE words of Amos, who was among the 1 1
herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning
Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and
in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king
of Israel, two years before the ¹earthquake.

¹ See Zech.
xiv. 5.

² See Joel iii.
16.

³ Or, *habita-
tions*

And he said, The LORD shall ²roar from 2
Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and
the ³pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and
the top of Carmel shall wither.

⁴ Or, *revoke
my word*
Heb. *reverse*
it. And so in
vv. 6, 9, &c.

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- 3
sions of Damascus, yea, for four, I will not ⁴turn
away the punishment thereof; because they
have threshed Gilead with threshing instru-
ments of iron: but I will send a fire into the 4
house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces
of Ben-hadad. And I will break the ⁵bar of 5
Damascus, and cut off ⁶the inhabitant from the
valley of ⁶Aven, and him that holdeth the
sceptre from ⁷the house of Eden: and the people
of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith
the LORD.

⁶ Or, *him that
sitteth on the
throne.* And
so in ver. 8.

⁶ That is,
Vanity. The
LXX reads
On.

⁷ Or, *Beth-
eden*

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- 6
sions of Gaza, yea, for four, I will not turn
away the punishment thereof; because they
carried away captive ⁸the whole people, to de-
liver them up to Edom: but I will send a fire 7
on the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour the

⁸ Heb. *an en-
tire captivity.*

- 8 palaces thereof: and I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon; and I will turn mine hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.
- 9 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyre, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof: because they delivered up ¹the whole people to Edom, and remembered not ²the brotherly covenant: but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
- 10 ¹ Heb. *an entire captivity.*
- 11 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Edom, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and ³did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, ³ Heb. *corrupted his compassions.*
- 12 and he kept his wrath for ever: but I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.
- 13 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof: because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge
- 14 their border: but I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with
- 15 a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: and ⁴their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.
- 2 ¹ Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned
- 2 the bones of the king of Edom into lime: but I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound
- ⁴ According to some ancient versions *Milcom.*

of the trumpet: and I will cut off the judge ³ from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- ⁴ sions of Judah, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, and their lies have caused them to err, after the which their fathers did walk: but I will send a fire upon Judah, and it ⁵ shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- ⁶ sions of Israel, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes: that pant after the dust of the ⁷ earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go unto the *same* ¹maid, to profane my holy name: and they lay themselves down beside ⁸ every altar upon clothes ²taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of such as have been fined. Yet destroyed I ⁹ the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. Also I ¹⁰ brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up ¹¹ of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. But ye ¹² gave the Nazirites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. Behold, ³I will press *you* in your place, ⁴as a ¹³ cart presseth that is full of sheaves. And ⁵flight ¹⁴ shall perish from the swift, and the strong

¹ Or, *young woman*

² See Ex. xxii. 26.

³ Or, *I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves*

⁴ Or, *even as the threshing wain presseth, which filleth herself with the sheaves*

⁵ Or, *refuge shall fail the swift*

shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the
 15 mighty deliver ¹himself: neither shall he stand
 that handleth the bow; and he that is swift
 of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall
 16 he that rideth the horse deliver ¹himself: and
 he that is courageous among the mighty shall
 flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

¹ Heb. *his
soul or life.*

3 1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken
 against you, O children of Israel, against the
 whole family which I brought up out of the
 2 land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known
 of all the families of the earth: therefore I
 3 will visit upon you all your iniquities. Shall
 two walk together, except they have ²agreed? ² Or, *made an
appointment*
 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath
 no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den,
 5 if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a
 snare upon the earth, where no gin is *set* for
 him? shall a snare spring up from the ground,
 6 and have taken nothing at all? Shall the trumpet
 be blown in a city, and the people not be
 afraid? shall evil befall a city, and the LORD
 7 hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do
 nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his
 8 servants the prophets. The lion hath roared,
 who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken,
 who can but prophesy?

9 Publish ye ³in the palaces at Ashdod, and ³in ³ Or, *upon*
 the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say,
 Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of
 Samaria, and behold, great tumults are therein,
 10 and oppressions in the midst thereof. For
 they know not to do right, saith the LORD,
 who store up violence and robbery in their
 11 palaces. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
 An adversary *there shall be*, even round about
 the land: and he shall bring down thy strength
 from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

Thus saith the LORD: As the shepherd rescueth out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be rescued that sit in Samaria in the corner of a couch, and ¹on the silken cushions of a bed. Hear ye, and testify against the house of Jacob, ¹³saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts. For ¹⁴in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I will ¹⁵smite ²the winter house with ³the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and ⁴the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

¹ According to some ancient versions and MSS. in *Damascus on a bed.*

² See Jer. xxxvi. 22.

³ See Judg. iii. 20.

⁴ Or, *many*

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that ¹are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say unto their lords, Bring, and let us drink. The ²Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fishhooks. And ye shall go out at the ³breaches, every one straight before her; ⁴and ye shall cast *yourselves* into Harmon, saith the LORD.

⁵ The ancient versions vary in their rendering of this clause. The text is probably corrupt.

Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, ⁴and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; and ⁵offer a sacrifice of thanks-giving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings and publish them: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. And I also have given you cleanliness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And I also ⁷have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I

⁶ Heb. *offer by burning.*

- caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained
 8 not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me,
 9 saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees hath the palmerworm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith
 10 the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, ¹and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto
 11 me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown *some* among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned
 12 unto me, saith the LORD. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O
 13 Israel. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth; the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name.
- 5 1 Hear ye this word which I take up for a
 2 lamentation over you, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she ²is cast down upon her land; there is none to
 3 raise her up. For thus saith the Lord God: The city that went forth a thousand shall have an hundred left, and that which went forth an hundred shall have ten left, to the house of

¹ Heb. *with the captivity of your horses.*

² Or, *lieth for.*
sak, n

Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the 4
house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:
but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, 5
and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall
surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall
¹come to nought. Seek the LORD, and ye 6
shall live; lest he break out like fire in the
house of Joseph, and it devour and there be
none to quench it in Beth-el; ye who turn 7
judgement to wormwood, and cast down right-
eousness to the earth; *seek him* that maketh the 8
Pleiades and Orion, and turneth the shadow
of death into the morning, and maketh the day
dark with night; that calleth for the waters of
the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of
the earth; the LORD is his name; that ²bringeth 9
sudden destruction upon the strong, so that
destruction cometh upon the fortress. They 10
hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they
abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch 11
therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take
exactions from him of wheat: ye have built
houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in
them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but
ye shall not drink the wine thereof. For I 12
know how manifold are your transgressions and
how mighty are your sins; ye that afflict the
just, that take a ³bribe, and that turn aside the
needy in the gate *from their right*. Therefore 13
he that is prudent shall keep silence in such
a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and 14
not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD,
the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye say.
Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish 15
judgement in the gate: it may be that the LORD,
the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the
remnant of Joseph. Therefore thus saith the 16
LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing

¹ Or, *become*
vanity (Heb.
Aven)

² Or, *causeth*
destruction to
flash forth

³ Heb.
ransom.

- shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, ¹and such as
- 17 are skilful of lamentation to wailing. And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith the LORD. ¹ Heb. and proclaim wailing to such as are skilful of lamentation.
- 18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! wherefore would ye have the day of the LORD?
- 19 it is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; ²or ² Or, and went into the house and leaned his hand on
- 20 the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?
- 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I ³will take no ³ Heb. will not smell a savour.
- 22 delight in your solemn assemblies. Yea, though ye offer me ⁴your burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the ⁵peace offerings of your fat beasts. ⁴ Or, burnt offerings with your meal offerings
- 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy
- 24 viols. But let judgement roll down as waters, ⁵ Or, thank offerings
- 25 and righteousness as a ⁶mighty stream. Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and offerings in the
- 26 wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? Yea, ye ⁷have borne ⁸Siccuth your king and ⁹Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye
- 27 made to yourselves. Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.
- 6 1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and to them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to
- 2 whom the house of Israel come! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your
- ⁷ Or, shall take up &c. ... And I will cause &c.
⁸ Or, the tabernacle of your king Some ancient versions have the tabernacle of Moloch.
⁹ Or, the shrine of your images

border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and ³ cause the ¹seat of violence to come near; that ⁴ lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that ⁵ devise for themselves instruments of music, ²like David; that drink ³wine in bowls, and anoint ⁶ themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore now shall they go captive with the ⁷ first that go captive, and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away. The ⁸ Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts; I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. And ⁹ it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And when a ¹⁰ man's ⁴uncle shall take him up, even he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No; then shall he say, Hold thy peace; for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. For, behold, ¹¹ the LORD commandeth, and ⁵the great house shall be smitten with breaches, and the little house with clefts. Shall horses run upon the ¹² rock? will one plow *there* with oxen? that ye have turned judgement into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood: ye which rejoice ¹³ in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? For, ¹⁴ behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the ⁶entering in of Hamath unto the brook of the ⁷plain.

Thus the Lord God shewed me: and, behold, ¹ **7**

¹ Or, *sitting*

² Or, *like David's*

³ Heb. *in bowls of wine.*

⁴ Or, *kinsman*

⁵ Or, *he will smite the great house*

⁶ See 2 Kings xiv. 25.

⁷ Heb. *Arabah.*
See Josh. xviii. 18.

he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, that when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. The LORD repented concerning this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

Thus the Lord GOD shewed me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the ¹land. Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. The LORD repented concerning this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

¹Heb. *portion*.

Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood ²beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more: and the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

²Or, *upon*

Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I ³was no prophet, neither ⁴was I ⁵a prophet's son;

³Or, *am*

⁴Or, *one of the sons of the prophets* See

⁵1 Kings xx.

35.

¹ Or, *am*

but I ¹was an herdman, and a dresser of sycamore trees : and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore ¹⁵hear thou the word of the LORD : Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not *thy* word against the house of Isaac ; therefore thus ¹⁶saith the LORD : Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line ; and thou thyself shalt die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land. ¹⁷

Thus the Lord GOD shewed me : and behold ¹ 8

² Heb. *kayils*.

a basket of ²summer fruit. And he said, Amos, ²what seest thou? And I said, A basket of ²summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me,

³ Heb. *kéts*.

The ³end is come upon my people Israel ; I will not again pass by them any more. And the ³

⁴ Or, *palace*

songs of the ⁴temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD : the dead bodies shall be

⁵ Or, *have they cast them forth : be silent!*

many ; in every place ⁵shall they cast them forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that would swallow ⁴up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail, saying, When will the new moon be gone, ⁵

⁶ Heb. *open*.

that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may ⁶set forth wheat? making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit ; that we may buy the poor ⁶

⁷ See ch. ii. 6.

for ⁷silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the refuse of the wheat. The LORD hath ⁷sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. Shall not the ⁸land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? yea, it shall rise up wholly like the River ; and it shall be troubled and sink again, like the River of Egypt. And it shall ⁹come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon,

- and I will darken the earth in the clear day.
- 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter
- 11 day. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of
- 12 hearing the words of the LORD. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the
- 13 word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men
- 14 faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As thy God, O Dan, liveth; and, As the ¹way of Beersheba liveth; even ¹Or, *manner* they shall fall, and never rise up again.
- 9 ¹ I saw the Lord standing ²beside the altar: and ²Or, *upon* he said, Smite the chapters, that the thresholds may shake: and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: ³there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them
- 2 escape. Though they dig into ⁴hell, thence shall mine hand take them; and though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down. ³Or, *he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered*
- 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the
- 4 bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them
- 5 for evil, and not for good. For the Lord, the LORD of hosts, *is* he that toucheth the land and it melteth, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the River; and
- ⁴ Heb. *Sheol*.

shall sink again like the River of Egypt; *it is* 6
 he that buildeth his chambers in the heaven, and
 hath founded his vault upon the earth; he that
 calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth
 them out upon the face of the earth; the LORD
 is his name. Are ye not as the children of the 7
 Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israël? saith
 the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of
 the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from
 Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? Behold, 8
 the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful
 kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face
 of the earth; saving that I will not utterly
 destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, 9
 lo, I will command, and I will ¹sift the house of
 Israel among all the nations, like as *corn* is sifted
 in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon
 the earth. All the sinners of my people shall 10
 die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not
 overtake nor prevent us.

¹ Heb. *cause
to move.*

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of 11
 David that is fallen, and close up the breaches
 thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will
 build it as in the days of old; that they may 12
 possess the remnant of Edom, and all the na-
 tions, which ²are called by my name, saith the
 LORD that doeth this. Behold, the days come, 13
 saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake
 the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that
 soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet
 wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will 14
 bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and
 they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them;
 and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the
 wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and
 eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them 15
 upon their land, and they shall no more be
 plucked up out of their land which I have given
 them, saith the LORD thy God.

² Or, *have been*

O B A D I A H.

- 1 THE vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord
GOD ¹concerning Edom: We have heard tidings ¹ See Jer. xlix.
from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent 7—22.
among the nations, *saying*, Arise ye, and let us
2 rise up against her in battle. Behold, I have
made thee small among the nations: thou art
3 greatly despised. The pride of thine heart hath
deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts
of ²the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith ² Or, *Sela*
in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the See 2 Kings
4 ground? Though thou mount on high as the xiv. 7.
eagle, and though thy nest be set among the
stars, I will bring thee down from thence, saith
5 the LORD. If thieves came to thee, if robbers
by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not
steal till they had enough? if grape-gatherers
came to thee, would they not leave some glean-
6 ing grapes? How are *the things of* Esau search-
ed out! how are his hidden treasures sought up!
7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought
thee on thy way even to the border: the men
that were at peace with thee have deceived
thee, and prevailed against thee; ³*they that eat*
thy bread lay a ⁴snare under thee: there is none ³ Or, *thy bread*
8 understanding ⁵in him. Shall I not in that day, ⁴ Or, *wound*
saith the LORD, destroy the wise men out of ⁵ Or, *of it*
Edom, and understanding out of the mount
9 of Esau? And thy mighty men, O Teman,

shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter. For the violence done to thy brother 10 Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. In the day that thou stoodest 11

¹ on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his ² substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. But look not 12

thou on the day of thy brother in ³ the day of his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither speak proudly in the day of distress. Enter not 13

into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, look not thou on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither lay ye *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity. And stand thou not in the crossway, to cut off 14

those of his that escape; and deliver not up those of his that remain in the day of distress. For 15

the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy ⁴ dealing shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, 16

so shall all the nations drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and ⁵ swallow down, and shall be as though they had not been. But in mount 17

Zion there shall be those that escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of 18

Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall burn among them, and devour them: and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it. And 19

they of the South shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the lowland the Philistines: and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and

¹ Or, aloof² Or, forces³ Or, the day that he was made a stranger⁴ Or, recompence⁵ Or, talk foolishly

- the field of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess*
- ²⁰ Gilead. And the captivity of this ¹host of the ²children of Israel ³which are *among* the Canaanites, *shall possess* even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad,
- ²¹ shall possess the cities of the South. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

¹ Or, *fortress*

² Or, shall possess that which belongeth to the Canaanites, even &c.

Or, which are among the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and &c.

JONAH.

NOW the word of the LORD came unto Jonah ¹ 1
the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, ²
that great city, and cry against it; for their
wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah ³
rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence
of the LORD; and he went down to Joppa, and
found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the
fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with
them unto Tarshish from the presence of the
LORD. But the LORD ¹sent out a great wind ⁴
into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in
the sea, so that the ship ²was like to be broken.
Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every ⁵
man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares
that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it
unto them. But Jonah was gone down into the
innermost parts of the ship; and he lay, and
was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to ⁶
him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O
sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that
God will think upon us, that we perish not.
And they said every one to his fellow, Come, ⁷
and let us cast lots, that we may know for
whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast
lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said ⁸
they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose
cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occu-
pation? and whence comest thou? what is thy

¹ Heb. *cast forth.*

² Heb. *thought to be broken.*

- 9 country? and of what people art thou? And he
 said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear
 the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made
 10 the sea and the dry land. Then were the men
 exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is
 this that thou hast done? For the men knew
 that he fled from the presence of the LORD, be-
 11 cause he had told them. Then said they unto
 him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea
 may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more
 12 and more tempestuous. And he said unto them,
 Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea;
 so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know
 that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.
 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them
 back to the land; but they could not: for the
 sea grew more and more tempestuous against
 14 them. Wherefore they cried unto the LORD,
 and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech
 thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and
 lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O
 15 LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. So they
 took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea:
 16 and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the
 men feared the LORD exceedingly; and they
 offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made
 17 vows. And the LORD prepared a great fish to
 swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly
 2 1 of the fish three days and three nights. Then
 Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the
 2 fish's belly. And he said,
 I called ¹by reason of mine affliction unto the
 LORD,
 And he answered me;
 Out of the belly of ²hell cried I,
 And thou heardest my voice.
 3 For thou didst cast me into the depth, in the
 heart of the seas,

[ch. ii. 1 in
 Heb.]

¹ Or, *out of*
mine affliction

² Heb. *Sheol*.

And the flood was round about me ;
 All thy waves and thy billows passed over
 me.
 And I said, I am cast out from before thine 4
 eyes ;
 Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
 The waters compassed me about, even to the 5
 soul ;
 The deep was round about me ;
 The weeds were wrapped about my head.
 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains ; 6
 The earth with her bars *closed* upon me for
 ever :
 Yet hast thou brought up my life from ¹the
 pit, O LORD my God.
 When my soul fainted within me I remem- 7
 bered the LORD :
 And my prayer came in unto thee, into thine
 holy temple.
 They that regard lying vanities 8
 Forsake their own mercy.
 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice 9
 of thanksgiving ;
 I will pay that which I have vowed ;
 Salvation is of the LORD.
 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it 10
 vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah 1 3
 the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, 2
 that great city, and ²preach unto it the preaching
 that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went 3
 unto Nineveh, according to the word of the
 LORD. Now Nineveh was ³an exceeding great
 city, of three days' journey. And Jonah began 4
 to enter into the city a day's journey, and he
 cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh
 shall be overthrown. And the people of Nineveh 5
 believed God ; and they proclaimed a fast, and

¹ Or, *corruption*

² Or, *cry*
 See i. 2.

³ Heb. *a city great unto God.*

put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even
 6 to the least of them. ¹And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered
 7 him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he made proclamation and ²published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed,
 8 nor drink water: but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence
 9 that is in their hands. Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away
 10 from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, which he said he would do unto them; and he did it
 4 ¹not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and ²he was angry. And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I ³hasted to flee unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and abundant in loving
 3 kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than
 4 to live. And the LORD said, Doest thou well
 5 to be angry? Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become
 6 of the city. And the LORD God prepared a ⁴gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his displeasure. So Jonah was

¹ Or, For word came unto the king &c.

² Heb. said.

³ Or, was beforehand in fleeing.

⁴ Or, Palma Christ. Heb. kilayen.

exceeding glad because of the gourd. But ⁷ God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that ⁸ God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and ⁹ requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be ⁹ angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry even unto death. And the LORD ¹⁰ said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: and should not I have pity on ¹¹ Nineveh, that great city; wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

¹ Or, wished
in himself to
die

MICAH.

1 ¹ THE word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and ¹all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness ²against you, the Lord from his

3 holy temple. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, as waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not

6 Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, *and* as the plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the

7 foundations thereof. And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate: for of the hire of an harlot hath she gathered them, and unto the hire of an harlot

8 shall they return. For this will I wail and howl.

¹ Heb. *the fulness thereof.*

² Or, *among*

I will go stripped and naked : I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning like the ostriches. For her wounds are incurable : 9 for it is come even unto Judah ; it reacheth unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. Tell 10 it not in Gath, weep not at all : at ¹Beth-le-Aphrah ²have I rolled myself in the dust. Pass ye away, O ³inhabitant of Shaphir, in 11 nakedness and shame : the inhabitant of Zaanan is not come forth ; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you the ⁴stay thereof. For the in- 12 habitant of Maroth ⁵waiteth anxiously for good : because evil is come down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem. Bind the chariot to the 13 swift steed, O ³inhabitant of Lachish : she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion ; for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. Therefore shalt thou give a parting gift 14 to Moresheth-gath : the houses of Achzib shall be ⁶a deceitful thing unto the kings of Israel. I will yet bring unto thee, O ³inhabitant of 15 Mareshah, him that shall possess thee : the glory of Israel shall come even unto Adullam. Make thee bald, and poll thee for the children 16 of thy delight : enlarge thy baldness as the eagle ; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

Woe to them that devise iniquity and work 1 2 evil upon their beds ! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. And they covet fields, and seize 2 them ; and houses, and take them away : and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. Therefore thus saith the 3 LORD : Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks, neither shall ye walk haughtily ; for it is an evil time. In that day shall they take up a 4

¹ That is, *A house of dust.*

² Another reading is, *roll thyself.*

³ Heb. *inhabitant.*

⁴ Or, *standing-place*

⁵ Or, *is in travail*

⁶ Heb. *achzab.*

parable against you, and lament ¹with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he changeth the portion of my people: how doth he ²remove *it* from me! to the rebellious

¹ Or, *with the lamentation, It is done; and say &c.*

⁵ he divideth our fields. Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast the line by lot in the

² Or, *depart from*

⁶ congregation of the LORD. ³Prophesy ye not, *thus* they prophesy. They shall not prophesy

³ Or, *Prophesy ye not, they are ever prophesying, say they.*

⁷ ⁴to these: reproaches shall not depart. ⁵Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the spirit of the LORD ⁶straitened? are these his doings? Do

Heb. *Drop &c.*
See Amos vii. 16.

not my words do good to him that walketh ⁸uprightly? But ⁷of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye strip the robe ⁸from off the garment from them that pass by securely *as*

⁴ Or, *of these things*

⁹ *men* averse from war. The women of my people ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children ye take away my

⁵ Or, *O thou that art named the house of Jacob*

¹⁰ glory for ever. Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because of uncleanness that destroyeth, even with a grievous destruction.

⁶ Or, *shortened, or, impatient*

¹¹ If a man walking ⁹*in a spirit of falsehood* should lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

⁷ Heb. *yesterday.*

¹² I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah: as a flock in the midst of their pasture, they shall make great noise by reason of *the multi-*

⁸ Or, *with the garment*

¹³ *tude of men.* The breaker is gone up before them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat: and their king is passed on before them, and the LORD at the head of them.

⁹ Or, *in wind and falsehood*

³ ¹ And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel; Is it

² not for you to know judgement? who hate the

good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; who also eat the flesh of my ³ people; and they flay their skin from off them, and break their bones: yea, they chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. Then shall they cry unto the LORD, ⁴ but he will not answer them: yea, he will hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. Thus ⁵ saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people to err; that bite with their teeth and cry, Peace; and whoso putteth not into their mouths, they even ¹prepare war against him: ~~therefore~~ it shall be night unto ⁶ you, that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them. And the ⁷ seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips: for there is no answer of God. But I truly am ⁸ full of power ²by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgement, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house ⁹ of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel; that abhor judgement, and pervert all equity. They ¹⁰ build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, ¹¹ and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed ¹² as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

¹ Heb. *sanc-*
tify.

² Or, *even the*
spirit

- 4 ¹ But in the latter days it shall come to pass, ¹ See Is. ii.
 that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be ²—
 established ² in the top of the mountains, and it ² Or, at the
 shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples ^{head}
 2 shall flow unto it. And many nations shall go,
 and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the
 mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the
 God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways,
 and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion
 shall go forth the law, and the word of the
 3 LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge
³ between many peoples, and shall reprove ³ Or, among
 strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their
 swords into plowshares, and their spears into
 pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword
 against nation, neither shall they learn war any
 4 more. But they shall sit every man under
 his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall
 make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD
 5 of hosts hath spoken it. For all the peoples
 will walk every one in the name of his god, and
 we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
 for ever and ever.
- 6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble
 her that halteth, and I will gather her that is
 7 driven away, and her that I have afflicted; and
 I will make her that halted a remnant, and her
 that was cast far off a strong nation: and the
 LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from
 8 henceforth even for ever. And thou, O tower
 of ⁴ the flock, the ⁵ hill of the daughter of ⁴ Or, Eder
 Zion, unto thee shall it come; yea, the former ^{Gen. xxxv. 21.}
 dominion shall come, the kingdom of the ⁵ Heb. Ophel.
 9 daughter of Jerusalem. Now why dost thou
 cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee, is thy
 counsellor perished, that pangs have taken hold
 10 of thee as of a woman in travail? Be in pain,
 and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion.

like a woman in travail : for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and shalt dwell in the field, and shalt come even unto Babylon ; there shalt thou be rescued ; there shall the LORD redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. And now ¹¹ many nations are assembled against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye ¹see *its desire* upon Zion. But they know not the ¹² thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel : for he hath gathered them as the sheaves to the threshing-floor. Arise and ¹³ thresh, O daughter of Zion : for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass : and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples : and ²thou shalt devote their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the LORD of the whole earth. Now shalt thou gather thy- ¹ ⁵ self in troops, O daughter of troops : he hath laid siege against us : they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

¹ Or, gaze upon

² So the ancient versions. The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *I will devote.*

[ch. v. 1 in Heb.]

³ Or, families See Judges vi. 15.

⁴ Heb. the days of eternity.

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art ² little to be among the ³thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel ; whose goings forth are from of old, from ⁴everlasting. Therefore will he ³ give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth : then the residue of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand, and shall feed ⁴ *his flock* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God : and they shall abide ; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this *man* shall ⁵ be *our* peace : when the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight ⁵principal men. And they ⁶ shall ⁶waste the land of Assyria with the sword,

⁵ Or, princes among men

⁶ Or, eat up Or, be shepherds over

and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our border. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from the LORD, as showers upon the grass; that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. Let thine hand be lifted up above thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and will destroy thy chariots: and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and will throw down all thy strong holds: and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no *more* soothsayers: and I will cut off thy graven images and thy pillars out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. And I will pluck up thine Asherim out of the midst of thee: and I will destroy thy ¹cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations ²which hearkened not.

¹ Or, *enemies*

² Or, *such as they have not heard*

6 ¹ Hear ye now what the LORD saith: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear, O ye mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye enduring foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee?

testify against me. For I brought thee up out 4
of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out
of the house of bondage; and I sent before
thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, 5
remember now what Balak king of Moab con-
sulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor
answered him; *remember* from Shittim unto
Gilgal, that ye may know the righteous acts
of the LORD. Wherewith shall I come before 6
the LORD, and bow myself before the high
God? shall I come before him with burnt
offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the 7
LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or*
with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give
my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of
my body for the sin of my soul? He hath 8
shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what
doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly,
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with
thy God?

¹ Some ancient
versions read
fear.

² Heb. *ephah*.

³ Or, *empti-
ness*

The voice of the LORD crieth unto the city, 9
and *the man of* wisdom will ¹see thy name:
hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in 10
the house of the wicked, and the scant ²measure
that is abominable? Shall I be pure with 11
wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful
weights? For the rich men thereof are full 12
of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have
spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in
their mouth. Therefore I also have smitten 13
thee with a grievous wound; I have made
thee desolate because of thy sins. Thou shalt 14
eat, but not be satisfied; and thy ³humiliation
shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt
remove, but shalt not carry away safe; and that
which thou carriest away will I give up to the
sword. Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap: 15

thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not anoint
 thee with oil; and the vintage, but shalt not
 16 drink the wine. For the statutes of Omri are
 kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab,
 and ye walk in their counsels: that I should
 make thee ¹a desolation, and the inhabitants ¹Or, an aston-
 thereof an hissing; and ye shall bear the ⁱhment
 reproach of my people.

- 7 ¹ Woe is me! for I am as when they have
 gathered the summer fruits, as the grape-
 gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to
 2 eat; ²my soul desireth the firstripe fig. The ²Or, nor first-
 godly man is perished out of the earth, and ^{ripe fig which}
 there is none upright among men: they all lie ^{my soul de-}
 in wait for blood; they hunt every man his ^{sired}
 3 brother with a net. ³Their hands are upon ³Or, Both
 that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince ^{hands are put}
 asketh, and the judge *is ready* for a reward; ^{forth for evil}
 and the great man, he uttereth the mischief of ^{to do it &c.}
 4 his soul: thus they weave it together. The best
 of them is as a brier: the most upright *is worse*
 than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen,
 even thy visitation is come; now shall be their
 5 perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not
 confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy
 6 mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For
 the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter
 riseth up against her mother, the daughter in
 law against her mother in law; a man's enemies
 7 are the men of his own house. But as for me,
⁴I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the ⁴Or, in the
 God of my salvation: my God will hear me. ^{LORD will I}
 8 Rejoice not against me, O ⁵mine enemy: ^{keep watch}
 when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, ⁵See ver. 10.
 9 the LORD shall be a light unto me. I will bear
 the indignation of the LORD, because I have
 sinned against him; until he plead my cause,
 and execute judgement for me: he will bring

me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness. Then mine enemy shall see it, ¹⁰ and shame shall cover her; which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. ¹¹ A day for building thy walls! in that day shall ²the ³decree be far removed. In that day shall they come ¹² unto thee, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain. Yet shall the land be desolate because of them ¹³ that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

¹ Or, *In the day that thy walls are to be built*

² See Zeph. ii. 2.

³ Or, *boundary*

⁴ Or, *Rule*

⁴ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock, of ¹⁴ thine heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. As ¹⁵ in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things. The nations shall see and be ashamed ¹⁶ of all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like ¹⁷ crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places: they shall come with fear unto the LORD our God, and shall be afraid because of thee. Who is a God ¹⁸ like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will ¹⁹ turn again and have compassion upon us; he will ⁵subdue our iniquities: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ⁶Thou ²⁰ wilt ⁷perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

⁵ Or, *tread under foot*

⁶ Or, *Thou wilt shew thy faithfulness*

⁷ Heb. *give*.

NAHUM.

- 1 ¹ THE ¹burden of Nineveh. The book of the ¹Or, oracle
vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ^{concerning}
- 2 The LORD is a jealous God and avengeth ;
the LORD avengeth, and is full of wrath ; the
LORD taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and
3 he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies. The LORD
is slow to anger, and great in power, and will
by no means clear *the guilty* : the LORD hath
his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and
4 the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh
the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all
the rivers : Bashan languisheth, and Carmel,
5 and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The
mountains quake at him, and the hills melt ; and
the earth is upheaved at his presence, yea, the
6 world, and all that dwell therein. Who can
stand before his indignation ? and who can abide
in the fierceness of his anger ? his fury is poured
out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder
7 by him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in
the day of trouble ; and he knoweth them that
8 put their trust in him. But with an overrunning
flood he will make a full end of the place thereof,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.
9 What do ye imagine against the LORD ? he
will make a full end : affliction shall not rise up

the second time. For though they be like ¹⁰ tangled thorns, and be drenched as it were in their drink, they shall be devoured ¹utterly as dry stubble. There is one gone forth out ¹¹ of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, ²that counsell^eth wickedness. Thus saith the ¹² LORD: Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away. ³Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. And ¹³ now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. And the LORD ¹⁴ hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; ¹⁵ for thou art vile. Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! Keep thy feasts, O Judah, perform thy vows: for ⁴the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

¹ Or, as stubble fully dry

² Or, a wicked counsellor
Heb. a counsellor of Belial.

³ Or, So will I afflict thee, that I shall afflict &c.

[ch. ii. r. in Heb.]

⁴ Heb. Belial.

He that dasheth in pieces is come up before ¹ **2** thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. For the LORD bringeth again the excellency ² of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. The shield of his mighty ³ men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots ⁵flash, with steel in the day of his preparation, and the ⁶fir-trees are shaken terribly. The chariots rage in the streets, they ⁴ jumble one against another in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches, they run like the lightnings. He remembereth his ⁵ worthies: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the mantelet is prepared. The gates of the rivers are opened, ⁶

⁵ Heb. are with fire of steel.

⁶ Or, lances

- 7 and the palace is dissolved. ¹And Huzzab is uncovered, she is carried away, and her hand-
 maids ²mourn as with the voice of doves, taber-
 8 ing upon their ³breasts. But Nineveh hath been
⁴from of old like a pool of water: yet they flee
 away; Stand, stand, *they cry*; but none ⁵looketh
 9 back. Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil
 of gold: for there is none end of the store, the
 10 glory of all pleasant furniture. She is empty,
 and void, and waste: and the heart melteth,
 and the knees smite together, and anguish is
 in all loins, and the faces of them all ⁶are
 11 waxed pale. Where is the den of the lions,
 and the feedingplace of the young lions, where
 the lion ⁷and the lioness walked, the lion's whelp,
 12 and none made them afraid? The lion did tear
 in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled
 for his lionesses, and filled his caves with prey,
 13 and his dens with ravin. Behold, I am against
 thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn
 her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall
 devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy
 prey from the earth, and the voice of thy mes-
 sengers shall no more be heard.
- 3 ¹ Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies
 2 and rapine; the prey departeth not. The noise
 of the whip, and the noise of the rattling of
 wheels; and pransing horses, and jumping
 3 chariots; the horseman ⁸mounting, and the
 flashing sword, and the glittering spear; and a
 multitude of slain, and a great heap of carcasses:
 and there is none end of the corpses; they
 4 stumble upon their corpses: because of the
 multitude of the whoredoms of the well favoured
 harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth
 nations through her whoredoms, and families
 5 through her witchcrafts. Behold, I am against
 thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will discover

¹ Or, *And it is decreed; she is, &c.*

² Or, *lead her*

³ Heb. *hearts.*

⁴ Or, *from the days that she hath been*

⁵ Or, *causeth them to turn*

⁶ Or, *have changed* (Heb. *gathered*) *colour*

⁷ Or, *even the old lion*

⁸ Or, *charging*

¹ Or, *before*

thy skirts ¹upon thy face; and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. And I will cast abominable filth upon ⁶ thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. And it shall come to pass, that ⁷ all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? Art thou better than No-Amon, that ⁸ was situate among the ²rivers, that had the waters round about her; whose rampart was ³the sea, *and* her wall ⁴was of the sea? Ethiopia ⁹ and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. Yet was *she* ¹⁰ carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. Thou also shalt be drunken, ¹¹ thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek ⁵a strong hold because of the enemy. All thy ¹² fortresses shall be like fig trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. Behold, thy people in the ¹³ midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire hath devoured thy bars. Draw thee water for ¹⁴ the siege, strengthen thy fortresses: go into the clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln. There shall the fire devour thee; ¹⁵ the sword shall cut thee off, it shall devour thee like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locust. Thou hast multiplied thy merchants ¹⁶ above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm ⁶spoileth, and flieth away. Thy crowned are as ¹⁷ the locusts, and thy marshals as the swarms of grasshoppers, which camp in the ⁷hedges

² Or, *canals*
See Ex. vii.
19.

³ That is, the Nile.

⁴ Some ancient versions have, *was the waters.*

⁵ Or, *a defence against*

⁶ Or, *spreadeth himself*

⁷ Or, *walls*

in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they
flee away, and their place is not known where
18 they are. Thy shepherds slumber, O king of
Assyria: thy worthies are at rest: thy people
are scattered upon the mountains, and there is
19 none to gather them. There is no assuaging
of thy hurt; thy wound is grievous: all that
hear the bruit of thee clap the hands over thee;
for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed
continually?

H A B A K K U K.

THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet ¹ did see.

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt ² not hear! I cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! Why dost thou shew ³ me iniquity, and look upon perverseness? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there is strife, and contention riseth up. There- ⁴ fore the law is slacked, and judgement ¹ doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore judgement goeth forth perverted. Behold ye among the nations, ⁵ and regard, and wonder marvellously: for ² I work a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you. For, lo, I raise ⁶ up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation; which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwellingplaces that are not theirs. ³ They are terrible and dreadful: their judge- ⁷ ment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and ⁸ are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen spread themselves: yea, their horsemen come from far; they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. They come all of them ⁹ for violence; ⁴ their faces are set eagerly ⁵ as the east-wind; and they gather captives as the sand.

¹ Or, goeth not forth unto victory

² Or, one worketh

³ Heb. He; and so in verses 8, 9.

⁴ Heb. the eagerness (or assembling) of their faces is &c.

⁵ Or, towards the east
Or, forwards

- 10 ¹Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him: he derideth every strong hold; for he heapeth up dust, and taketh it.
- 11 ²Then shall he sweep by *as* a wind, and shall ³pass over, and be guilty: ~~this his~~ ⁴might is his god.
- 12 Art not thou from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? ⁵we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained him for judgement; and thou, O ⁶Rock, hast established him for
- 13 correction. Thou that art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and that canst not look on perverseness, wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy peace when the wicked swalloweth up the man that
- 14 is more righteous than he? and makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things,
- 15 that have no ruler over them? He taketh up all of them with the angle, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them in his drag:
- 16 therefore he rejoiceth and is glad. Therefore he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag; because by them his portion is
- 17 fat, and his meat ⁷plenteous. Shall he therefore empty his net, and not spare to slay the nations continually?

¹ Or, *And they scoff, &c.*

² Or, *Then shall the wind sweep by*

³ Or, *transgress*

⁴ According to ancient Jewish authorities, *thou diest not.*

⁵ See Deut. xxxii. 4.

⁶ Heb. *fat.*

- 2 ¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the ²tower, and will look forth to see what he will speak ³with me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that
- 3 readeth it. For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it ⁴hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not delay.
- 4 Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not ⁵upright in him: but the just shall live ⁶by his faith.
- 5 ⁷And also because wine is a treacherous dealer,

⁷ Or, *fortress*

⁸ Or, *by*

⁹ Heb. *fanteth.*

¹⁰ Or, *straight*

¹¹ Or, *in his faithfulness*

¹² Or, *And also because his wine &c. he is a mighty man*

¹ Or, *he shall not abide*

² Heb. *Shool*.

³ Or, *riddle*

⁴ Or, *exact usury of thee*

⁵ Or, *toss thee to and fro*

a haughty man, ¹and that keepeth not at home ; who enlargeth his desire as ²hell, and he is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all peoples : shall not all these take up a parable ⁶against him, and a taunting ³proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his ! how long ? and that ladeth himself with pledges ! Shall they not rise up ⁷suddenly that shall ⁴bite thee, and awake that shall ⁵vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them ? Because thou hast spoiled many ⁸nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee ; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

Woe to him that getteth an evil gain for his ⁹house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil ! Thou hast consulted shame to thy house, by ¹⁰cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned against thy soul. For the stone shall cry out of the wall, ¹¹and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, ¹²and stablisheth a city by iniquity ! Behold, is ¹³it not of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labour for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity ? For the earth shall be filled ¹⁴with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

⁶ Or, *pourst*

⁷ Or, *fury*

⁸ Or, *let thy foreskin be uncovered*

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, ¹⁵that ⁶addest thy ⁷venom *thereto*, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness ! Thou art filled with shame for ¹⁶glory : drink thou also, and ⁸be as one uncircumcised : the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and foul shame shall be upon thy glory. For the violence done to ¹⁷

Lebanon shall cover thee, and the destruction of the beasts, ¹which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

¹ According to many ancient versions, *shall make thee afraid.*

- 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and the teacher of lies, that the maker of ²his work trusteth therein, to make dumb
19 idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise. Shall this teach? Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst
20 of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple:

² Or, *its*

³let all the earth keep silence before him.

³ Heb. *be silent before him all the earth.*

- 3 ¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, set to Shigionoth.

- 2 O LORD, I have heard ⁴the report of thee, and ⁵am afraid:

⁴ Or, *thy fame*

⁵ Or, *was*

O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.

- 3 God ⁶came from Teman,
And the Holy One from mount Paran. [Selah

⁶ Or, *cometh* (and similarly to the end of ver. 15)

- His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of his praise.
4 And *his* brightness was as the light;
He had ⁷rays *coming forth* ⁸from his hand:
And there *was* the hiding of his power.
5 Before him went the pestilence,
And ⁹a burning fever went forth at his feet.
6 He stood, and ¹⁰measured the earth;
He beheld, and drove asunder the nations:
And the eternal mountains were scattered,
The everlasting hills did bow;

⁷ Heb. *horns.*

⁸ Or, *at his side.*

⁹ Or, *fiery bolts*

¹⁰ Or, *shock*

¹ Or, *His ways are everlasting*

¹ His goings were *as* of old.
I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction : 7
The curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Was the LORD displeased against the rivers ? 8
Was thine anger against the rivers,
Or thy wrath against the sea,
That thou didst ride upon thine horses,
Upon thy chariots of salvation ?
Thy bow was made quite bare ; 9

² Or, *sworn were the chastisements* (Heb. *rods*) of thy word

² The oaths to the tribes were a *sure* word. [Selah

³ Or, *were in pain*

Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
The mountains saw thee, and ³ were afraid ; 10
The tempest of waters passed by :
The deep uttered his voice,
And lifted up his hands on high.
The sun and moon stood still in their habi- 11
tation ;

At the light of thine arrows as they went,
At the shining of thy glittering spear.
Thou didst march through the land in in- 12
dignation,

⁴ Or, *art come*

Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.
Thou ⁴ wentest forth for the salvation of thy 13
people,

For the salvation of thine anointed ;
⁵ Thou ⁶ woundedst the head out of the house
of the wicked,

⁵ Or, *Thou'd'st smile off the head from the house, &c.*

Laying bare the foundation unto the neck. [Selah

⁶ Or, *hast wounded*

⁷ Or, *hast pierced*

Thou ⁷ didst pierce with his own staves the 14
head of his ⁸ villages :

⁸ Or, *warriors* / Or, *villages*

They came as a whirlwind to scatter me :
Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor
secretly.

⁹ Or, *hast trodden*

Thou ⁹ didst tread the sea with thine horses, 15
The ¹⁰ heap of mighty waters.

¹⁰ Or, *surge*

- 16 I heard, and my belly trembled,
My lips quivered at the voice ;
Rottenness entered into my bones, and I
trembled in my place :
That I should rest in ~~for~~ the day of trouble,
¹When it cometh up against the people ²which
invadeth him in troops.
- 17 For though the fig trees shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines ;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat ;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls :
Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength,
And he maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And will make me to walk upon mine high
places.

¹ Or, when he
cometh up
against the
people, who
shall invade
them in troops
² Or, to invade
them

For the chief Musician on my stringed in-
struments.

ZEPHANIAH.

THE word of the LORD which came unto ¹ 1
Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

I will utterly consume all things from off the ²
face of the ground, saith the LORD. I will con- ³
sume man and beast; I will consume the fowls
of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and
the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I
will cut off man from off the face of the ground,
saith the LORD. And I will stretch out mine ⁴
hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant
of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the
¹ Chemarim with the priests: and them that ⁵
worship the host of heaven upon the housetops;
and them that worship, which swear to the
LORD and swear by ² Malcam; and them that ⁶
are turned back from following the LORD; and
those that have not sought the LORD, nor in-
quired after him.

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord ⁷
GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for
the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath
² sanctified his guests. And it shall come to ⁸
pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I

¹ See 2 Kings
xxiii. 5;
Hos. x. 5.

² Or, *their*
king See
Amos i. 15;
Jer. xlix. 1, 3.

³ See 1 Sam.
xvi. 5.

- will ¹punish the princes, and the king's sons, ¹ Heb. *visit upon.*
 and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.
 9 And in that day I will punish all those that
 leap over the threshold, which fill their master's
 10 house with violence and deceit. And in that
 day, saith the LORD, there shall be the noise
 of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling
 from the ²second quarter, and a great crashing ² Heb. *Mishneh.*
 11 from the hills. Howl, ye inhabitants of ³Maktesh, ³ Or, *The Mortar*
 for all ⁴the people of Canaan are undone: all ⁴ Or, *the merchant people*
 12 they that ~~bear~~ silver are cut off. And it shall
 come to pass at that time, that I will search
 Jerusalem with ⁵candles; and I will punish ⁵ Heb. *lamps.*
 the men that are ⁶settled on their lees, that say ⁶ Or, *thickened*
 in their heart, The LORD will not do good,
 13 neither will he do evil. And their wealth shall
 become a spoil, and their houses a desolation:
 yea, they shall build houses, but shall not
 inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards,
 14 but shall not drink the wine thereof. The
 great day of the LORD is near, it is near and
 hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of
 the LORD; the mighty man crieth there bitterly.
 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble
 and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation,
 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of
 16 clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet
 and alarm, against the fenced cities, and against
 17 the high ⁷battlements. And I will bring distress ⁷ Or, *corner towers*
 upon men, that they shall walk like blind men,
 because they have sinned against the LORD:
 and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and
 18 their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor
 their gold shall be able to deliver them in the
 day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land
 shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy:
 for he shall make an end, yea, a ⁸terrible end, of ⁸ Or, *speedy*
 all them that dwell in the land.

Gather yourselves together, yea, gather to-¹ ¹ ²
 gether, O nation that hath no ¹shame; before² ²
 the decree bring forth, ²*before* the day pass
 as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the
 LORD come upon you, before the day of the
 LORD's anger come upon you. Seek ye the³ ³
 LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have
 wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek
 meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day
 of the LORD's anger. For Gaza shall be for-⁴ ⁴
 saken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall
 drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron
 shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants⁵ ⁵
 of ³the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites!
 The word of the LORD is against you, O Canaan,
 the land of the Philistines; I will destroy thee,
 that there shall be no inhabitant. And the⁶ ⁶
 sea coast shall be pastures with cottages for
 shepherds and folds for flocks. And the coast⁷ ⁷
 shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah;
 they shall feed *their flocks* thereupon: in the
 houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the
 evening; for the LORD their God shall visit
 them, and bring again their captivity. I have⁸ ⁸
 heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings
 of the children of Ammon, wherewith they have
 reproached my people, and magnified them-
 selves against their border. Therefore as I live,⁹ ⁹
 saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the child-
 ren of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of
 nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation:
 the residue of my people shall spoil them, and
 the remnant of my nation shall inherit them.
 This shall they have for their pride, because¹⁰ ¹⁰
 they have reproached and magnified themselves
 against the people of the LORD of hosts. The¹¹ ¹¹
 LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will

¹ Or, *longing*² Or, (*the day passeth as the chaff,*)³ Or, *the region of the sea*

- famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even
 12 all the ¹isles of the nations. Ye Ethiopians ¹Or, coast
 13 also, ye shall be slain by my sword. And he ^{lands}
 will stretch out his hand against the north, and
 destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a
 14 desolation, and dry like the wilderness. And
 herds shall lie down in the midst of her, ²all ²Or, all beasts
 the beasts of the nations: both the pelican and ^{of every kind}
 the porcupine shall lodge in the chapiters
 thereof: *their* voice shall sing in the windows;
³desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he ³Or, drought
 15 hath laid bare the cedar work. This is the
 joyous city that dwelt carelessly, that said in
 her heart, I am, and there is none beside
 me: how is she become a desolation, a place
 for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth
 by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.
- 3 1 Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted,
 2 to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the
 voice; she received not ⁴correction; she trusted ⁴Or, instruc-
 not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God. ^{tion}
 3 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring
 lions; her judges are evening wolves; they
 4 ⁵leave nothing till the morrow. Her prophets ⁵Or, gnaw not
 are light and treacherous persons: her priests ^{the bones on the}
 have profaned the sanctuary, they have done ^{morrows}
 5 violence to the law. The LORD in the midst
 of her is righteous; he will not do iniquity;
⁶every morning doth he bring his judgement to
 light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no ⁶Heb. morn-
 6 shame. I have cut off nations, their ^{ing by morn-}
⁷battle- ^{ing.}
 ments are desolate; I have made their streets
 waste, that none passeth by: their cities are
 destroyed, so that there is no man, that there
 7 is none inhabitant. I said, Surely thou wilt
 fear me, thou wilt receive ⁴correction; so her
 dwelling should not be cut off, ⁸according to all ⁸Or, howsoever
 I punished her

that I have appointed concerning her: but they rose early and corrupted all their doings. Therefore wait ye for me, saith the LORD, until 8 the day that I rise up to the prey: for my ¹de-termination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the 9 peoples a pure ²language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one ³consent. From beyond the rivers 10 of Ethiopia ⁴my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. In 11 that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee ⁵thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my 12 holy mountain. But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The 13 remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be 14 glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy 15 judgements, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not ⁶fear evil any more. In 16 that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: ⁷O Zion, let not thine hands be ⁸slack. The LORD thy God is in the midst of thee, 17 a mighty one who will save: he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will ⁹rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. ¹⁰I will 18

¹ Heb. *judgement*.

² Heb. *lip*.

³ Heb. *shoulder*.

⁴ Or, *shall they bring my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, for an offering unto me*

⁵ Or, *them that exult in thy majesty*

⁶ Another reading is *see*.

⁷ Or, and to Zion

⁸⁻² Ch. 15. 7.

⁹ Heb. *be silent*.

¹⁰ Or, *I have gathered*

gather them that ¹sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee: ²*to whom* the burden upon
19 ³her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the
20 earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring again your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, are removed from

² Or, the reproach was a burden unto them (Heb. her)

³ According to some ancient authorities, thee.

HAGGAI.

IN the second year of Darius the king, in the 1 1
sixth month, in the first day of the month, came
the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet
unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor
of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehōzadak,
the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the 2
LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, 'It is
not the time *for us* to come, the time for the 3
LORD'S house to be built. Then came the word 3
of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is 4
it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your
cieled houses, while this house lieth waste?
Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: 5
2 Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, 6
and bring in little; ye eat; but ye have not
enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with
drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm;
and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to*
put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the 7
LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to 8
the 3 mountain, and bring wood, and build the
house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will
be glorified, saith the LORD. Ye looked for 9
much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye
brought it home, I did 4 blow upon it. Why?
saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house
that lieth waste, while ye run every man to his

¹ According to many ancient versions, *The time is not come for the LORD'S house,* &c.

² Heb. *Set your heart on your ways.*

³ Or, *hill country*

⁴ Or, *blew it away*

- ¹⁰ own house. Therefore ¹for your sake the heaven is stayed from dew, and the earth is
¹¹ stayed *from* her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the vintage, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.
- ¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people did fear before
¹³ the LORD. Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.
- ¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in
¹⁵ the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, in the four and twentieth day of the month, in the sixth *month*, in the second year of Darius the king.
- 2** ¹ In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD
² by Haggai the prophet, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the
³ people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as
⁴ nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all

ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts, ¹*according* to the word that I covenanted ⁵ with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my spirit ²*abode* among you: fear ye not. For ⁶ thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and ⁷ I will shake all nations, and ³*the things desired* of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The ⁸ silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The latter glory of this house ⁹ shall be greater than the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹ Or, Remember the word, &c.

² Or, abideth

³ Or, the desire of all nations shall come
Heb. they shall come, the desire of all nations.

In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth ¹⁰ *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ask now ¹¹ the priests concerning the law, saying, If one ¹² bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. Then ¹³ said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. Then answered Haggai, and said, So ¹⁴ is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. And now, I pray you, consider from ¹⁵ this day and ⁴*upward*, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD: ¹⁶ *from* the time when one came to an heap of ¹⁶ twenty *measures*, and there were but ten; when one came to the winefat for to draw out fifty

⁴ Or, onward

⁵ Or, since those days were, one came &c.

- 17 vessels, ~~and~~ there were but twenty. I smote
you with blasting and with mildew and with
hail in all the work of your hands; yet ye *turned*
18 not to me, saith the LORD. Consider, I pray
you, from this day and ¹upward, from the four ¹Or, *onward*
and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, since the
day that the foundation of the LORD's temple
19 was laid, consider it. Is the seed yet in the
barn? yea, the vine, and the fig tree, and the
pomegranate, and the olive tree hath not
brought forth; from this day will I bless *you*.
20 And the word of the LORD came the second
time unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day*
21 of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel,
governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the
22 heavens and the earth: and I will overthrow
the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the
strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I
will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride
in them; and the horses and their riders shall
come down, every one by the sword of his
23 brother. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts,
will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the
son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make
thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith
the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH.

IN the eighth month, in the second year of 1 1
Darius, came the word of the LORD unto
Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of
Iddo, the prophet, saying, The LORD hath 2
been sore displeased with your fathers. There- 3
fore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD
of hosts: Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of
hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD.
of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, unto 4
whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, Turn ye now from
your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but
they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith
the LORD. Your fathers, where are they? and 5
the prophets, do they live for ever? But my 6
words and my statutes, which I commanded my
servants the prophets, did they not overtake
your fathers? and they turned and said, Like
as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us,
according to our ways, and according to our
doings, so hath he dealt with us.

Upon the four and twentieth day of the 7
eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in
the second year of Darius, came the word of
the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah,
the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, I saw in 8
the night, and behold a man riding upon a red

- horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the ¹bottom; and behind him there ¹Or, shady place
- 9 were horses, red, sorrel, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew
- 10 thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to
- 11 walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.
- 12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation
- 13 these threescore and ten years? And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with
- 14 good words, *even* comfortable words. So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a
- 15 great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they ²helped forward the ²Or, helped for evil
- 16 affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD: I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over
- 17 Jerusalem. Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: My cities ³through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. ³Or, shall yet overflow with prosperity
- 18 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and
- 19 behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And

[ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shewed me four smiths. Then ^{20,} ²¹ said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and be- ¹ ² hold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he ² said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that ³ talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, and said unto him, Run, ⁴ speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall ¹ be inhabited as villages without walls by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein. For I, saith the LORD, will be unto ⁵ her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, flee from ⁶ the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Ho, Zion, escape, ⁷ thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts: ² After glory ⁸ hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine ⁹ hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. Sing and ¹⁰ rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall join them- ¹¹ selves to the LORD in that day, and shall be

¹ Or, dwell

² Or, After the glory, he hath &c.

my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of
 12 hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy
 13 land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD: for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

3 1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and
 1 Satan standing at his right hand to be his
 2 adversary. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not
 3 this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and
 4 stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will
 5 clothe thee with rich apparel. And 2 I said, Let them set a fair 3 mitre upon his head. So they set a fair 3 mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of the
 6 LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD
 7 protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee 4 a place of access
 8 among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men which are a 5 sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my
 9 servant the 6 Branch. For behold the stone that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will

¹ That is, *The Adversary*.

² According to some ancient authorities, *he said*.

³ Or, *turban*

⁴ Or, *place of access*

⁵ Or, *wonder*

⁶ Or, *Shoot*
 Or, *Sprout*

remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye ¹⁰ call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

And the angel that talked with me came ¹ ⁴ again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And he said unto me, What ² seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; ¹ there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive ³ trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. And I answered and spake to the angel that ⁴ talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me ⁵ answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, ⁶ This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by ² might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art ⁷ thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the head stone with shoutings of Grace, grace, unto it. Moreover the word of the ⁸ LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of ⁹ Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day ¹⁰ of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, even these seven, *which are* the eyes of the LORD; they run to and fro through the whole earth. Then answered I, and said unto him, ¹¹ What are these two olive trees upon the right

¹ The LXX. and Vulg. have, *and seven pipes to the lamps.*

² Or, *an army*

side of the candlestick and upon the left side
 12 thereof? And I answered the second time, and
 said unto him, What be these two olive branches,
 1 which are beside the two golden spouts, that
 13 empty ²the golden *oil* out of themselves? And
 he answered me and said, Knowest thou not
 14 what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then
 said he, These are the two sons of oil, that
 stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

¹ Or, which by
 means of the
 golden spouts
 empty

² Heb. the
 gold.

5 1 Then again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw,
 2 and behold a flying roll. And he said unto
 me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a
 flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits,
 3 and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said
 he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth
 over the face of the whole land: for every
 one that stealeth shall ³be purged out on the
 one side according to it; and every one that
 sweareth shall ³be purged out on the other side
 4 according to it. I will cause it to go forth,
 saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into
 the house of the thief, and into the house of
 him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it
 shall abide in the midst of his house, and shall
 consume it with the timber thereof and the stones
 thereof.

³ Or, purge
 himself

5 Then the angel that talked with me went
 forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes,
 6 and see what is this that goeth forth. And I
 said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah
 that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is
 7 their ⁴resemblance in all the land: (and, be-
 hold, there was lifted up a ⁵talent of lead:) and
 this is a woman sitting in the midst of the
 8 ephah. And he said, This is Wickedness; and
 he cast her down into the midst of the ephah:
 and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth
 9 thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw,

⁴ Heb. eye.
 According to
 some ancient
 authorities,
 iniquity.

⁵ Or, round
 piece

and, behold, there came forth two women, and the wind was in their wings; now they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, ¹⁰ Whither do these bear the ephah? And he ¹¹ said unto me, To build her an house in the land of Shinar: and when it is ¹prepared, she shall be set there ²in her own place.

¹ Or, *established*

² Or, *upon her own base*

³ Or, *the two*

⁴ Or, *strong*
The word is omitted in the Syriac.

⁵ Or, *spirits*

⁶ Or, *presenting themselves*

⁷ Or, *strong*
The Syriac and Aquila have *red*.

And again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, ¹ **6** and, behold, there came four chariots out from between ³two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot ²were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; and in the third chariot ³white horses; and in the fourth chariot ⁴grisled bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the ⁴angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto ⁵me, These are the four ⁵winds of heaven, which go forth from ⁶standing before the Lord of all the earth. *The chariot* wherein are the black ⁶horses goeth forth toward the north country; and the white went forth after them; and the grisled went forth toward the south country. And the ⁷bay went forth, and sought to go ⁷that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, ⁸and spake unto me, saying, Behold, they that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ⁹saying, Take of them of the captivity, even of ¹⁰Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whither they are

- 11 come from Babylon; yea, take *of them* silver
 and ¹gold, and make ¹crowns, and set them upon
 the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the
 12 high priest; and speak unto him, saying, Thus
 speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the
 man whose name is the ²Branch; and he shall
³grow up out of his place, and he shall build
 13 the temple of the LORD: even he shall build
 the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the
 glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne;
 and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and
 the counsel of peace shall be between them
 14 both. And the ⁴crowns shall be to Helem, and
 to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and ⁵to Hen the son
 of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of
 15 the LORD. And they that are far off shall come
 and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye
 shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
 unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye
 will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your
 God.
- 7 1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of
 king Darius, that the word of the LORD came
 unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth
 2 month, even in Chislev. ⁶Now *they of* Beth-el
 had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech, and their
 3 men, to entreat the favour of the LORD, *and*
 to speak unto the priests of the house of the
 LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying,
 Should I weep in the fifth month, separating
 myself, as I have done these so many years?
 4 Then came the word of the LORD of hosts
 5 unto me, saying, Speak unto all the people of
 the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye
 fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the
 seventh *month*, even these seventy years, did
 6 ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And
 when ye eat, and when ye drink, ⁷do not ye

¹ Or, a crown,
and set it

² Or, Shoot
Or, Sprout
³ Or, shoot

⁴ Or, crown
⁵ Or, for the
kindness of the
son &c.

⁶ Or, Now they
of Bethel, even
Sharezer &c.
had sent

⁷ Or, are not ye
they that eat
&c.

eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? *Should ye* not *hear* the words which the LORD 7 hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?

And the word of the LORD came unto 8 Zechariah, saying, Thus hath the LORD of hosts 9 spoken, saying, Execute true judgement, and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother: and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, 10 the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and ¹pulled away 11 the shoulder, and ²stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts 12 as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by his spirit by the hand of the former 13 prophets: therefore came there great wrath from the LORD of hosts. And it came to pass, 13 that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they shall cry, and I will not hear, said the LORD of hosts; but I will scatter them 14 with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the ³pleasant land desolate.

And the word of the LORD of hosts came to 1 8 *me*, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I 2 am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith 3 the LORD: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts The holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: There shall 4

¹ Or, *turned a stubborn shoulder*

² Or, *made their ears heavy* See Is. vi. 10.

³ Heb. *land of desire*.

yet old men and old women ¹dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff
5 in his hand ²for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing
6 in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the
7 LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east
8 country, and from the west country: and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and
9 in righteousness. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, even
10 the temple, that it might be built. For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the adversary: for I set all men every one against
11 his neighbour. But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former
12 days, saith the LORD of hosts. For *there shall be* the seed of peace; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit
13 all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing:
14 fear not, *but* let your hands be strong. For thus saith the LORD of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked

¹ Or, sit² Heb. for multitude of days.

¹ Heb. *judge truth and the judgement of peace.*

me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not; so again have I thought in these ¹⁵ days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the ¹⁶ things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbour; ¹execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates: and ¹⁷ let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

And the word of the LORD of hosts came ¹⁸ unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ¹⁹ The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of ²⁰ hosts: *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many ²¹ cities: and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favour of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many peoples ²² and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ²³ In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

² Or, *the Lord hath an eye upon men and upon all the tribes of Israel*

³ Or, *though*

The burden of the word of the LORD upon ¹ ⁹ the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* its restingplace: ²for the eye of man and of all the tribes of Israel is toward the LORD: and ² Hamath also which bordereth thereon: Tyre and Zidon, ³because she is very wise. And Tyre ³

- did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up
 silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of
 4 the streets. Behold, the Lord will dispossess
 her, and he will smite ¹her power in the sea; ¹ Or, the sea
 5 and she shall be devoured with fire. Ashkelon ^{which is her}
 shall see it, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be ^{rampart}
 sore pained; and Ekron, for her expectation ^{Or, her ram-}
 shall be ashamed: and the king shall perish ^{part into the}
 from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. ^{sea}
 6 And ²a bastard shall ³dwell in Ashdod, and I ² Or, a bastard
 7 will cut off the pride of the Philistines. And ^{race}
 I will take away his blood out of his mouth, ³ Or, sit as
 and his abominations from between his teeth; ^{king}
 and he also shall be a remnant for our God:
 and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and
 8 Ekron as a Jebusite. And I will encamp about
 mine house ⁴against the army, that none pass ⁴ Or, as other-
 through or return: and no oppressor shall pass ^{wise read, as a}
 through them any more: for now have I seen ^{garrison}
 with mine eyes.
 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout,
 O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King
 cometh unto thee: he is just, and ⁵having ⁶sal- ⁵ Heb. saved.
 vation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even ⁶ Or, victory
 10 upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut
 off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse
 from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut
 off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations:
 and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and
 11 from the River to the ends of the earth. As
 for thee also, because of the blood of thy coven-
 ant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the
 12 pit wherein is no water. ⁷ Turn you to the ⁷ Or, Return
 strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day
 do I declare that I will render double unto thee.
 13 For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the
 bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons,
 O Zion, against thy sons, O ⁸Greece, and will ⁸ Heb. Javan

make thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the LORD shall be seen over them, and ¹⁴ his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD ¹⁵ of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine: and they shall be filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar. And the LORD ¹⁶ their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, ¹lifted on high over his land. For ¹⁷ how great is ²his ³goodness, and how great is ²his beauty! corn shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maids.

¹ Or, *glittering upon &c.*

² Or, *their*

³ Or, *prosperity*

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the ¹ **10** latter rain, the LORD that maketh lightnings; and he shall give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the teraphim have ² spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and ⁴they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd. Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, ³ and I will punish the he-goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and shall make them as his goodly horse in the battle. From him shall come forth the ⁴ corner stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every ⁵exactor together. And they shall be as mighty men, treading ⁵ down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them: and the riders on horses shall be confounded. And I will strengthen ⁶ the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will ⁶bring them again, for

⁴ Or, *the dreamers speak falsely*

⁵ Or, *ruler*

⁶ Or, *cause them to dwell*

I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and I will hear them.

7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in the LORD.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase

9 as they have increased. ¹ And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries: and they shall live with

10 their children, and shall return. I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon;

11 and *place* shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea of affliction, and shall smite ² the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the
12 sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, *And when I sow them &c. they shall remember &c.*

² Or, *the sea of waves*

11 ¹ Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire
² may devour thy cedars. Howl, O fir tree, for the cedar is fallen, because the ³ goodly ones

³ Or, *glorious*

are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for
3 the ⁴ strong forest is come down. A voice of the howling of the shepherds! for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions!

⁴ Or, *defenced*

4 for the pride of Jordan is spoiled. Thus said the LORD my God: Feed the flock of slaughter;

5 whose ⁵ possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich: and ⁶ their

⁵ Or, *buyers*

6 own shepherds pity them not. For I will no

⁶ Or, *their shepherd pityeth*

more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

¹ Or, *the most miserable of sheep*

² Or, *Graciousness*

³ Or, *Binders*
Or, *Union*

⁴ Or, *that that is lost, let it be lost*

⁵ Or, *the poor of the flock, &c. knew of a truth*

⁶ The Syriac reads, *into the treasury.*

⁷ Or, *miss*

⁸ Or, *lost*

⁹ Or, *the youth*

¹⁰ Heb. *standeth.*

So I fed the flock of slaughter, verily ¹the ⁷ poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called ²Beauty, and the other I called ³Bands; and I fed the flock. And I ⁸ cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. Then said I, I will not feed you: ⁹ that that dieth, let it die; and ⁴that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them which are left eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, ¹⁰ that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. And it was broken ¹¹ in that day: and ⁵thus ¹the poor of the flock, ¹¹ that gave heed unto me knew that it was the word of the LORD. And I said unto them, ¹² If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty *pieces* of silver. And the LORD said unto me, ¹³ Cast it ⁶unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them ⁶unto the potter, in the house of the LORD. Then I cut asunder ¹⁴ mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee ¹⁵ yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, ¹⁶ which shall not ⁷visit those that be ⁸cut off, neither shall seek ⁹those that be scattered, nor heal that that is broken; neither shall he feed that which ¹⁰is sound, but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and shall tear their hoofs in pieces.

17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

- 12 ¹ The ¹burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit
² of man within him: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and ²upon Judah also ³shall it be ² Or, *against*
³ in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall ³ Or, *shall it*
come to pass in that day that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall
⁴ be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with
⁵ blindness. And the chieftains of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.
⁶ In that day will I make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a torch of fire among sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall yet again dwell in her own place, even in Jerusalem.
⁷ The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem be
⁸ not magnified above Judah. In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he ⁴that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David ⁴ Or, *that stumbleth*

shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, 9 that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon 10 the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto ¹me whom they have pierced: and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a 11 great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; 12 the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family 13 of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, 14 every family apart, and their wives apart.

¹ According to some MSS., *him*.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened 1 13 to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. And it 2 shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when 3 any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass 4 in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth;

neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to
 5 deceive: but he shall say, I am no prophet,
 I am a tiller of the ground; for ¹I have been
 6 made a bondman from my youth. And one
 shall say unto him, What are these wounds
 between thine ²arms? Then he shall answer,
 Those with which I was wounded in the house
 of my ³friends.

¹ Heb. *man*
hath made me
a possession.

² Heb. *hands.*

³ Or, *lovers*

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and
 against the man that is my fellow, saith the
 LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the
 sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine
 8 hand upon the little ones. And it shall come
 to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD,
 two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but
 9 the third shall be left therein. And I will bring
 the third part through the fire, and will refine
 them as silver is refined, and will try them as
 gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and
 I will hear them: I will say, It is my people;
 and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

14 ¹ Behold, a day of the LORD cometh, when thy
 spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem
 to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the
 houses rifled, and the women ravished: and half
 of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the
 residue of the people shall not be cut off from

³ the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and
 fight against those nations, as when he fought

⁴ in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand
 in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is

before Jerusalem in the east, and the mount of
 Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward

the east and toward the west, *and there shall be*

a very great valley; and half of the mountain
 shall remove toward the north, and half of it

5 toward the south. And 'ye shall flee ⁵by the

⁴ Or, as other-
 wise read, *the*
valley of my
mountains
shall be stepped
on, to

¹ Or, *the*

valley of ¹my mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azel: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the holy ones with thee. And it shall come to pass in that ⁶

² Another reading is, *there shall not be light, the bright ones shall contract themselves.*

day, that ²the light shall not be ³with brightness and with gloom: but it shall be one day which ⁷ is known unto the LORD, not day, and not night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light. And it shall come to pass ⁸

³ According to some ancient versions, *but cold and frost.*

in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And ⁹ the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall the LORD be one, and his name one.

⁴ Heb. *Arabah.*

All the land shall be turned as the ⁴plain, from ¹⁰ Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel unto the king's winepresses. And ¹¹

⁵ Or, *ban*

men shall dwell therein, and there shall be no more ⁵curse; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely. And this shall be the plague wherewith the ¹² LORD will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

⁶ Or, *discomfiture*

And it shall come to pass in that day, that a ¹³ great ⁶tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. And ¹⁴

⁷ Or, *at*

Judah also shall fight ⁷against Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall

be gathered together, gold, and silver, and
 15 apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be
 the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the
 camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that
 16 shall be in those camps, as this plague. And
 it shall come to pass, that every one that is left
 of all the nations which came against Jerusalem
 shall go up from year to year to worship the
 King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast
 17 of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso of
all the families of the earth goeth not up unto
 Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of
 18 hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And
 if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not,
 'neither *shall it be* upon them; there shall be
 the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the
 nations that go not up to keep the feast of
 19 tabernacles. This shall be the ²punishment of
 Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations
 that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of
 the horses, HOLY UNTO THE LORD; and the pots
 in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls
 21 before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem
 and in Judah shall be holy unto the LORD of
 hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come
 and take of them, and seethe therein: and in
 that day there shall be no more a Canaanite
 in the house of the LORD of hosts.

¹ Or, *shall there not be upon them the plague &c.?*

The text is probably corrupt. The LXX. and Syr. have, *upon them shall be the plague &c.*

² Or, *sin*

MALACHI.

THE burden of the word of the LORD to 1 1
 Israel by ¹Malachi. I have loved you, saith the 2
 LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved 3
 us? ²Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the 4
 LORD: yet I loved Jacob; but Esau I hated, 5
 and made his mountains a desolation, and gave 6
 his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness.
³Whereas Edom saith, We are beaten down, 7
 but we will return and build the waste places;
 thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build,
 but I will throw down: and men shall call them,
 The border of wickedness, and, The people
 against whom the LORD hath indignation for
 ever. And your eyes shall see, and ye shall 8
 say, The LORD ⁴be magnified ⁵over the border
 of Israel.

¹ Or, my Mes-
senger

² Or, Is not
Esau &c. yet
I have loved
&c.

³ Or, Though
Edom say

⁴ Or, is great

⁵ Or, upon

A son honoureth his father, and a servant 6
 his master: if then I be a father, where is mine
 honour? and if I be a master, where is my
 fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O
 priests, that despise my name. And ye say,
 Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye 7
 offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye
 say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that
 ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.
 And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it 8
 is no evil! and when ye offer the lame and

sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, entreat the favour of God that he may be gracious unto us: this

10 hath been ¹by your means: will he ²accept any ¹ Heb. *from your hand.*
of your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. Oh ² Or, *accept any because of you?*

that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle *fire* on mine altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I

11 accept an offering at your hand. For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name ³is great among the Gentiles; and in every place ⁴incense is offered ³ Or, *shall be*
unto my name, and a pure offering: for my ⁴ Or, *incense and oblation are offered*
name ³is great among the Gentiles, saith the

12 LORD of hosts. But ye profane it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted, and the

13 fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye bring the offering: should I accept this of your

14 hand? saith the LORD. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a blemished ⁵thing: for I am a great King, saith ⁵ Or, *female*
the LORD of hosts, and my name is terrible among the Gentiles.

2 1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment

2 is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, then will I send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye

3 do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke

¹ According to some ancient versions, *your arm*.

² Or, *unto*

¹the seed for your sake, and will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and ye shall be taken away ²with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this com- ⁴mandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. My ⁵covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might fear, and he feared me, and stood in awe of my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and upright- ⁶eousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips ⁷should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But ye are turned ⁸aside out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible ⁹and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have had respect of persons in the law.

³ Or, *sanctuary*

⁴ Or, *a second time*

Have we not all one father? hath not one ¹⁰God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt ¹¹treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the ³holiness of the LORD which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off to the ¹²man that doeth this him that waketh and him that answereth, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. And this ⁴again ye do: ye cover the ¹³altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, insomuch that he regardeth

not the offering any more, neither receiveth it
 14 with good will at your hand. Yet ye say,
 Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been
 witness between thee and the wife of thy youth,
 against whom thou hast dealt treacherously,
 though she is thy companion, and the wife of
 15 thy covenant. ¹And did he not make one,
 although he had the residue of the spirit? And
 wherefore one? He sought a godly seed. There-
 fore take heed to your spirit, and ²let it not deal
 16 treacherously against the wife of thy youth. For
³I hate putting away, saith the LORD, the God
 of Israel, and him that covereth his garment
 with violence, saith the LORD of hosts: there-
 fore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not
 treacherously.

¹ Or, *And did not one do so, yet had he the residue of the spirit? And wherefore the one?*

² Or, *let none do his youth*

³ Heb. *he hateth.*

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.
 Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him?
 In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good
 in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in
 3 1 them; or where is the God of judgement? Be-
 hold, I send my messenger, and he shall pre-
 pare the way before me: and the Lord, whom
 ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple;
 'and the ⁴messenger of the covenant, whom
 ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the
 2 LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day
 of his coming? and who shall stand when he
 appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and
 3 like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner
 and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the
 sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver;
 and they shall offer unto the LORD offerings
 4 in righteousness. Then shall the offering of
 Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD,
 as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.
 5 And I will come near to you to judgement; and
 I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,

⁴ Or, *even*

⁵ Or, *angel*

and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. For I the LORD change not; therefore 6 ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers ye have 7 turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man 8 rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and ¹offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye 9 rob me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the 10 whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough *to receive it*. And I will rebuke the 11 devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall 12 call you happy: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Your words have been stout against me, 13 saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein have we spoken against thee? Ye have said, It is vain 14 to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked ²mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And 15 now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are delivered. Then they that feared 16 the LORD spake one with another: and the

¹ Heb. *heave offerings*.

² Or, *in mourning apparel*

- LORD hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his
- 17 name. ¹And they shall be to me, saith the LORD of hosts, a peculiar treasure, in the day that I ²do make; and I will spare them, as a man
- 18 spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God
- 4 ¹ and him that serveth him not. For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it
- ² shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves
- 3 of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I ²do make, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all
- 5 Israel, even statutes and judgements. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the
- 6 great and terrible day of the LORD come. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the ³earth with
- a ⁴curse.

¹ Or, *And they shall be mine &c. in the day where- in I do make a peculiar treasure*

² Or, *do this*

[ch. iii. 19 in Heb.]

³ Or, *land*
⁴ Or, *ban*











